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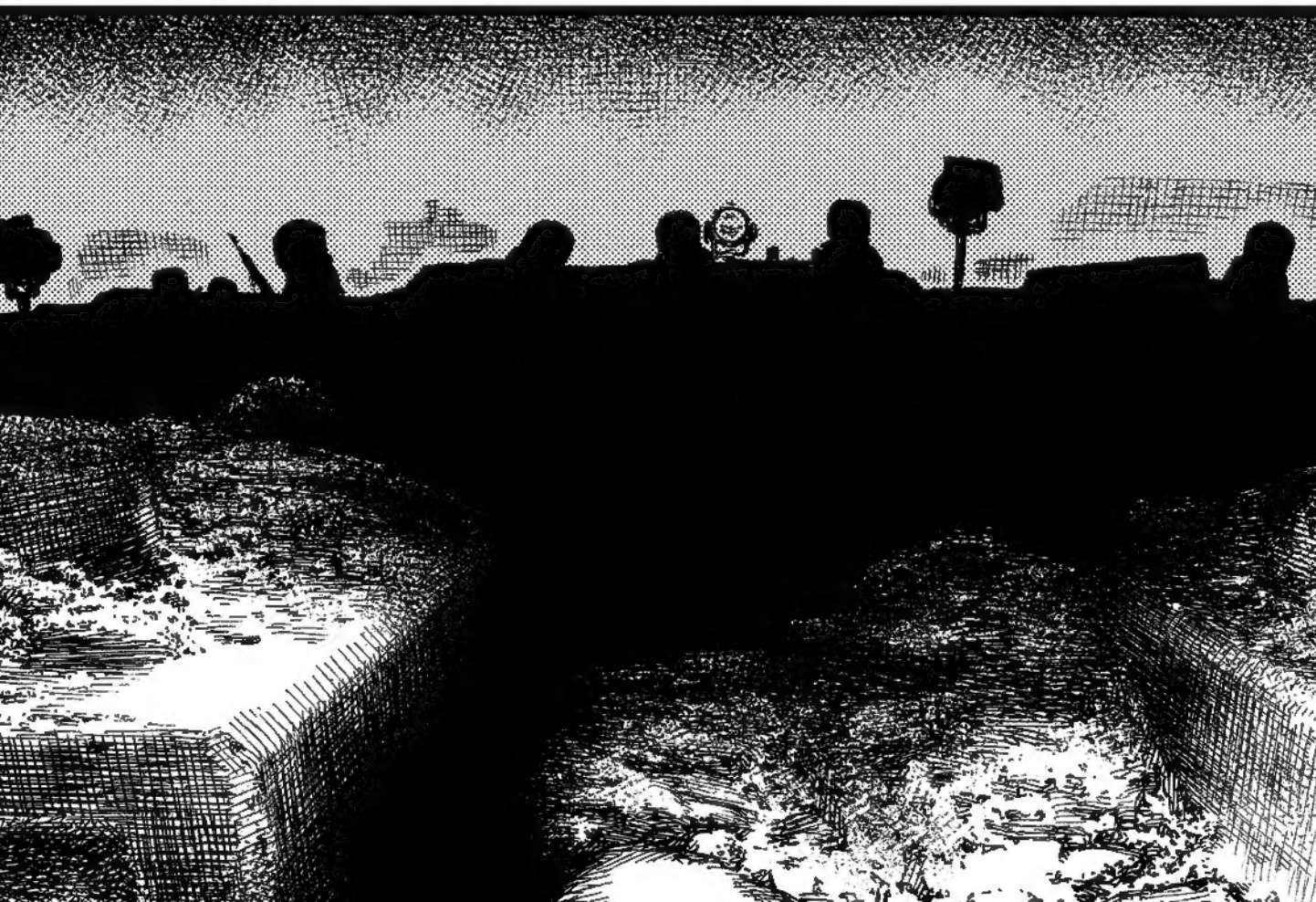
— STORY —

Partnered with Mitsuru, Kosuna works odd jobs. Her next task was to escort a Southern army executive, who was hiding in an underground city in Western army territory. However, after their mission started, they were immediately engaged by the enemy. During the scuffle, Amami, the executive, suffered injuries and their forces were wiped out! Against all odds, Kosuna barely manages to escape, but Amami starts to succumb to his wounds upon being transported.

Meanwhile, while serving as a guide to the Western army, Mizusaki falls prey to Kosuna's trap and suffers a blow to his head. He starts acting weirdly and slowly loses his mind... While things turn utterly desperate, Kosuna looks for a chance for victory. Can she escape unharmed?



—CHARACTERS—

West Oasis Government

Mitsuru

Son of Koidemizu, Sunabozu's master. He leaves Sunabozu and partners with Kosuna. A sufferer of the Hulk disease.

Master and pupil

Kosuna (Koizumi Taiko)

Aspiring to be the strongest beauty in the Great Desert of Kanto, she becomes a pupil of Sunabozu. Her skills rapidly improves, but declares her independence from Sunabozu upon his betrayal. Currently living out her uncompromising everyday life...

In Opposition

Currently on opposing sides

Former master and pupil

The Majority Faction (Otaki faction)

Currently holds the majority within the West Oasis government. Believes they should leave the Earth's rebirth to its own ability to regenerate. As is the case with the Opposing Faction, the story has yet to reveal who is in control behind the scenes.

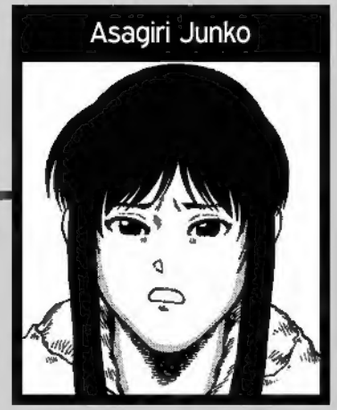
Sunabozu (Mizuno Kanta)

The talented handyman of the desert. Has no qualms resorting to underhand tricks. He betrays his former allies at the Opposing Faction, and joins the Majority Faction and now leads the cyborg soldiers.

Wants to fuck

Utterly exploiting

Asagiri Junko



"The Vixen of the Desert." She uses her cunning to swindle one man after another. Defects with Sunabozu to the Majority Faction.

In control of

Cyborg Soldiers

They are advanced technology from the Dark Ages, and they hold tremendous combat power. They are currently being controlled by Sunabozu.

In combat

Mizusaki

A Hunter who serves as a guide in West Oasis. He hits his head and goes a bit loopy.

Rivals

In battle

The Opposing Faction (Anti-Government Faction)

A group that proposes using remnant technology from the Dark Ages to efficiently aid the regeneration of the now-desolated Earth. The leader behind the scenes has yet to be revealed in the story.

Respects

Kawaguchi Fuyuo, Akio, and Haruo

AKA "The Machine Gun Brothers." They have known Sunabozu since their childhood days, but they don't get along with him. Their trigger-happy style of shooting is nothing but crude. Were persuaded by Natsuko to join the Opposing Faction.

Siblings

Kawaguchi Natsuko

The sole sister of the Kawaguchi siblings. Works hard and becomes an officer of the Oasis army, but later joins Kaido and co. due to their shared ideology. Currently a core member of the group.

Approaching

Tanigawa Seiji

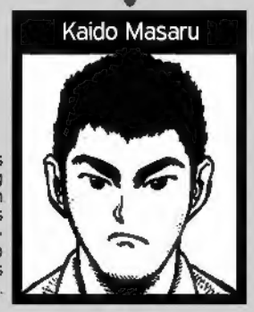
Former technician at the Uzumaki Industry. After being deceived by Natsuko, he takes the new suit from the company and runs for his life. Later joins the Opposing Faction.

Superior of

Ikeda

An academic studying the Dark Ages. He is active within the Opposing Faction, but is too kind-at-heart to be good at those jobs.

Kaido Masaru



An idealist who sets out on a wandering after pulling out from the military. After his meeting with Sunabozu, he returns to the army and joins the Opposing Faction.

Kaizuka Kaoru

The President of the Game of Life Company. A patron of the Opposing Faction, he is however abducted by the Majority Faction. Current whereabouts unknown...

South Oasis Government

They have been in combat with the West Oasis Government for over three years. The Southern Alliance refers to the South Oasis government-affiliated resistance within West Oasis territory.

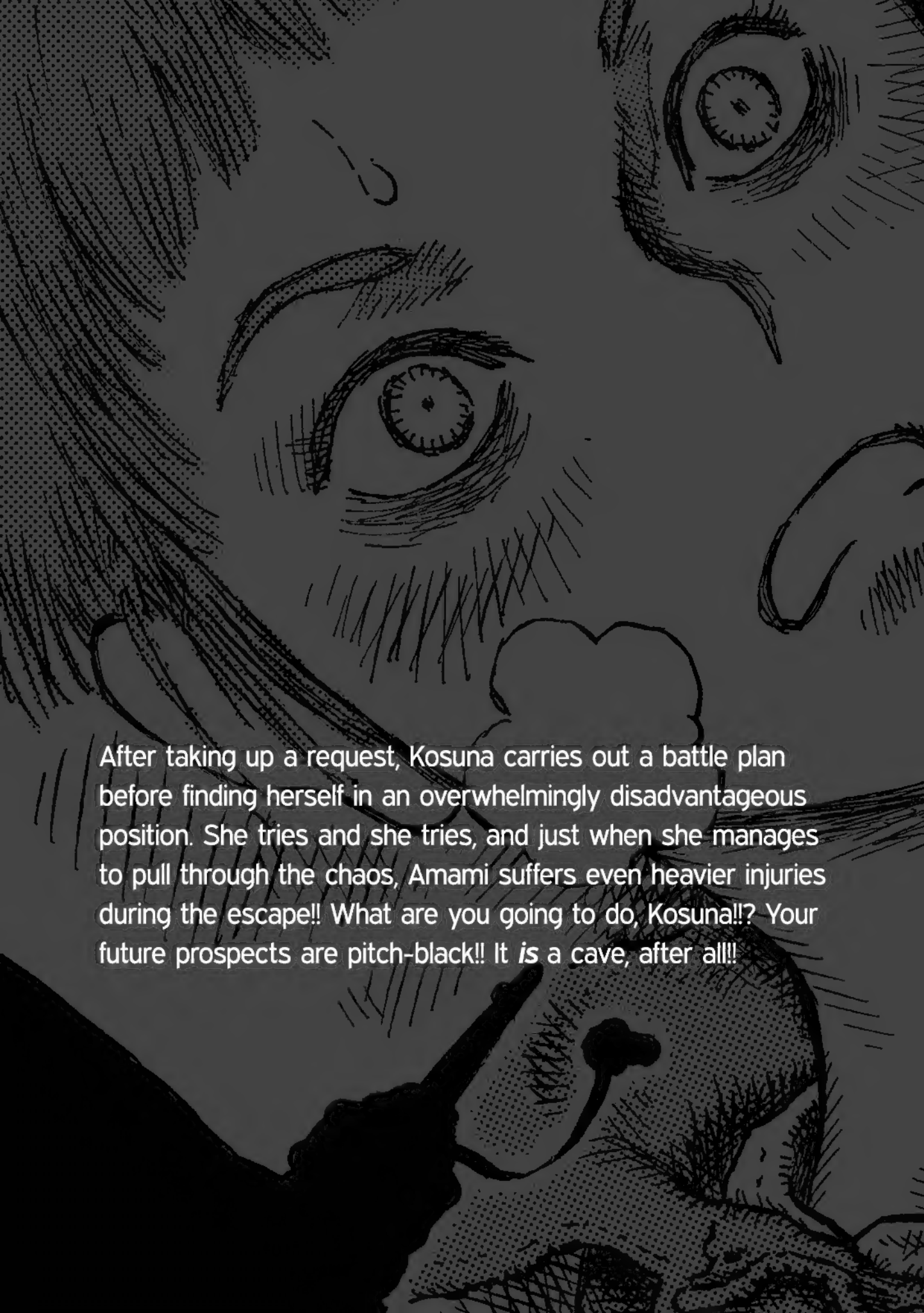
Escorting

Amami

The VIP of the current mission. Currently injured.

Amagumo (The Rain Spider)

Sunabozu's rival handyman. A pervert to boot. Mainly takes requests from the South Oasis.



After taking up a request, Kosuna carries out a battle plan before finding herself in an overwhelmingly disadvantageous position. She tries and she tries, and just when she manages to pull through the chaos, Amami suffers even heavier injuries during the escape!! What are you going to do, Kosuna!!? Your future prospects are pitch-black!! It ***is*** a cave, after all!!

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IF WE DON'T ACCEPT THEIR TERMS, THAT GUY WILL SET OFF THE BOMB AND CAUSE A HUGE COLLAPSE.

YEAH.

What do you mean? So they're just throwing him away?

I HEAR HIS CONDITION HAS WORSENED SO THEY CAN'T MOVE HIM.

Isn't he our primary target!?

THAT WOULD BE THE WOUNDED ONE.

...THAT'S RIGHT. THEY'RE GIVING UP ONE PERSON TO LET THE OTHERS ESCAPE.

So they aren't surrendering?

[illegible]

IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WITH THE RUINS BELOW US EITHER.

THEY WOULD DIE A HERO'S DEATH AND TAKE US ALONG WITH THEM.

OUR ENEMIES ***REALLY*** ARE A STRANGE BUNCH.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN. WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE SURPRISED.

THESE RUINS ARE UN-EXPLORED.

HOW WOULD YOU KNOW THAT?

[illegible]

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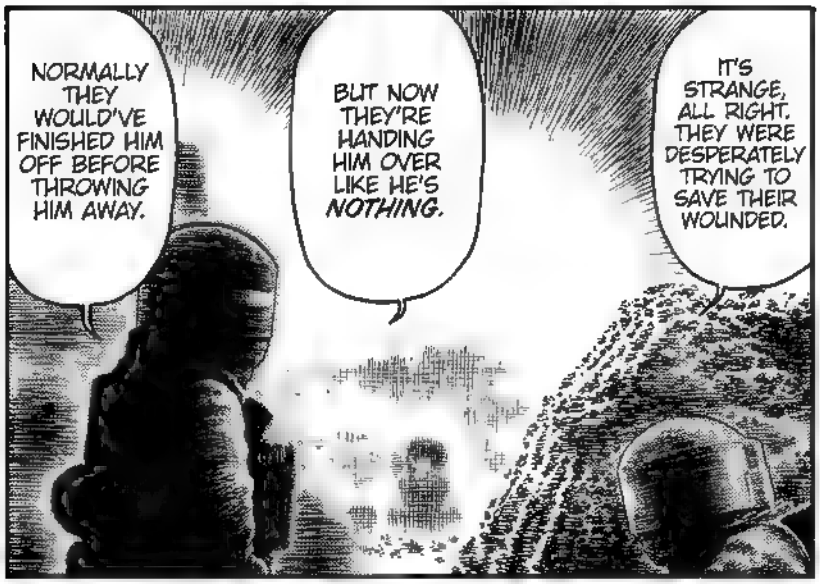
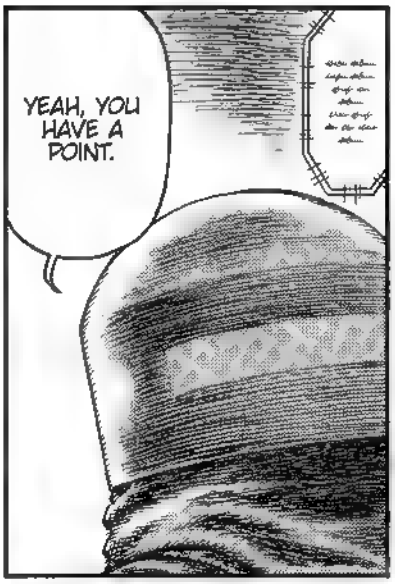
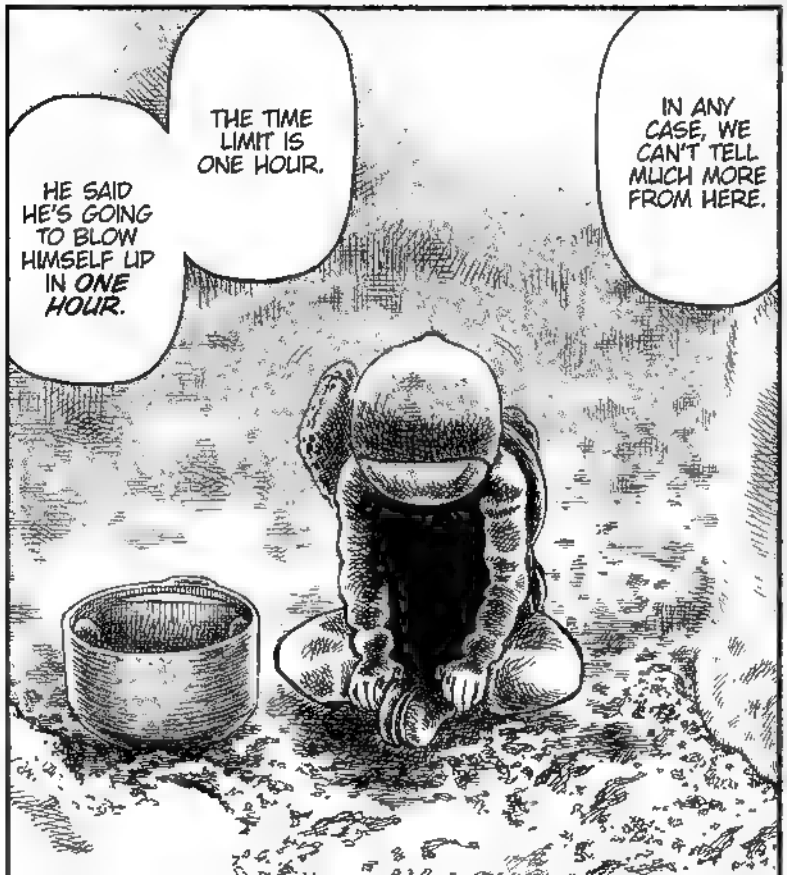
GLOOMY
JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT THEY WERE ELITES EQUIPPED WITH NEW WEAPONRY...
IT TURNED OUT JUST TO BE SOME AWKWARD KID.


NORMALLY THEY WOULD'VE FINISHED HIM OFF BEFORE THROWING HIM AWAY.
BUT NOW THEY'RE HANDING HIM OVER LIKE HE'S *NOTHING.*
IT'S STRANGE, ALL RIGHT. THEY WERE DESPERATELY TRYING TO SAVE THEIR WOUNDED.

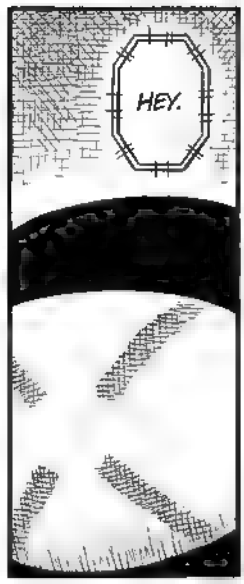

YEAH, YOU HAVE A POINT.

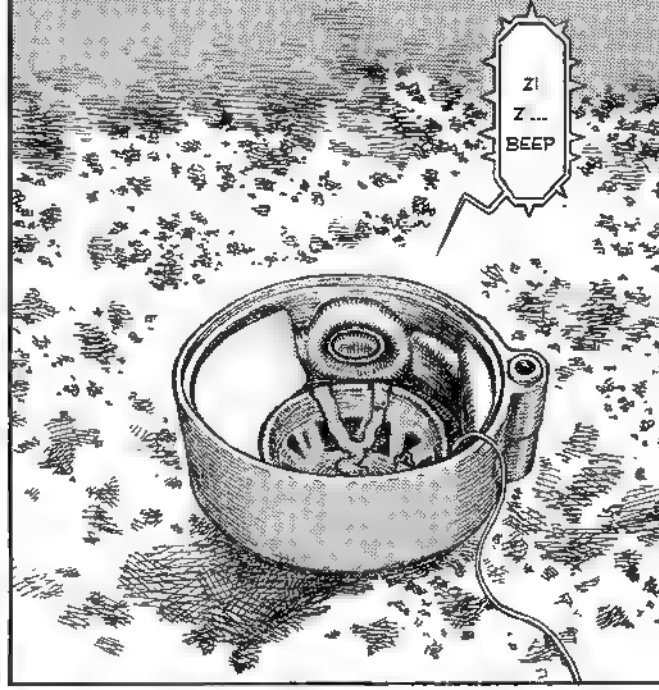
IT'S THREE DAYS IN AND IT'S JUST THE TWO OF THEM.
...THAT SAID,
IT'S NOT LIKE THEM TO LOITER AROUND, GET CAUGHT, AND GET COMPLETELY SURROUNDED.

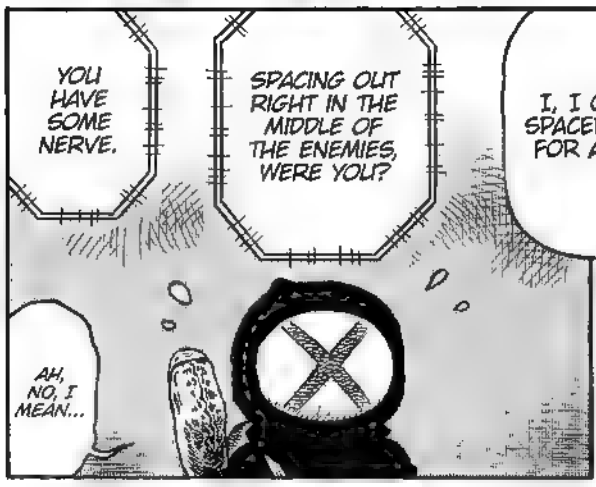

HE SAID HE'S GOING TO BLOW HIMSELF UP IN *ONE HOUR.*
THE TIME LIMIT IS ONE HOUR.
IN ANY CASE, WE CAN'T TELL MUCH MORE FROM HERE.

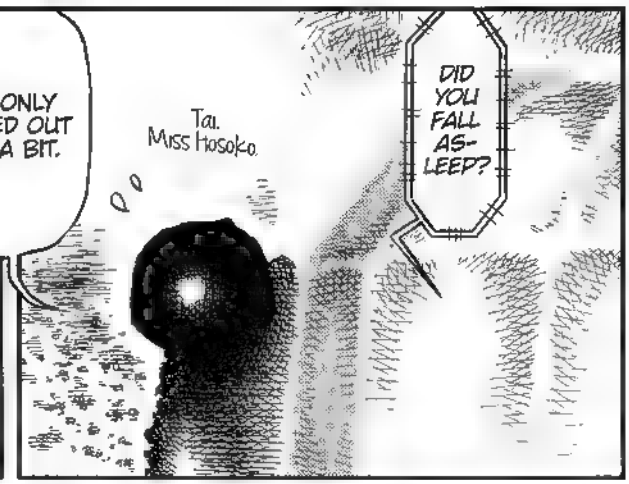
FOR ALL I KNOW, THEY REALLY *COULD* BE AT THEIR LIMITS.
THEY CAN PLOT ALL THEY LIKE, BUT THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO IN THIS SITUATION.

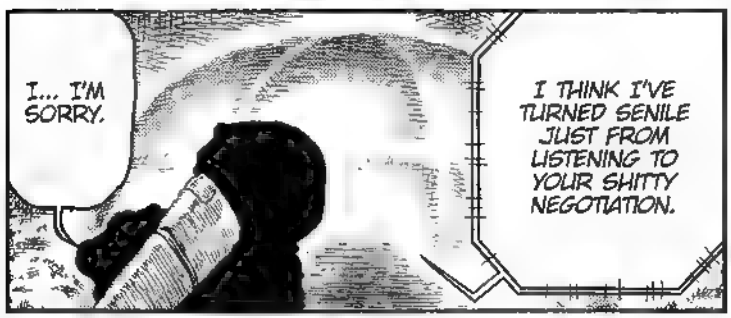
GLANCE
GLANCE
GLANCE
HUH?


HEY.


Z!
Z...
BEEP


YOU HAVE SOME NERVE.
SPACING OUT RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ENEMIES, WERE YOU?
AH, NO, I MEAN...


I, I ONLY SPACED OUT FOR A BIT.
Tai.
Miss Hosoko.
DID YOU FALL AS-LEEP?


I... I'M SORRY.
I THINK I'VE TURNED SENILE JUST FROM LISTENING TO YOUR SHITTY NEGOTIATION.

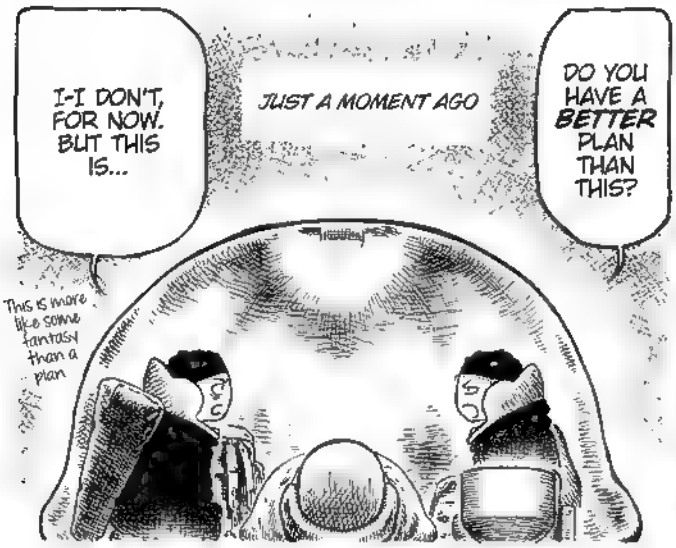
...
IF THE PLAN FAILED, IT WOULD BE MY FAULT.

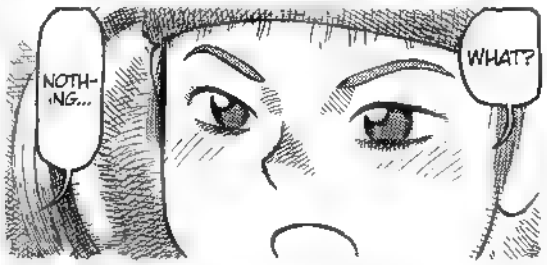
TAI... MISS HOSOKO, ARE YOU FEELING ALRIGHT NOW?
LIVEN UP! DON'T SPACE OUT AS IF YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT FOR THREE DAYS!
OF COURSE YOU WEREN'T.
I can't, they changed the channel
One sec
Can you hear it?
Hey, he's talking over there.

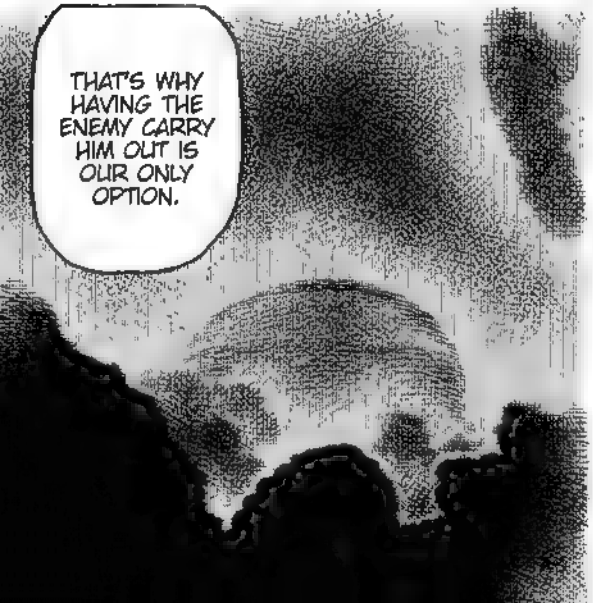
- THE PLAN -

1. STRIKE A DEAL: IN EXCHANGE FOR LETTING THE TWO OF US GO, HAND OVER MR. AMAMI.

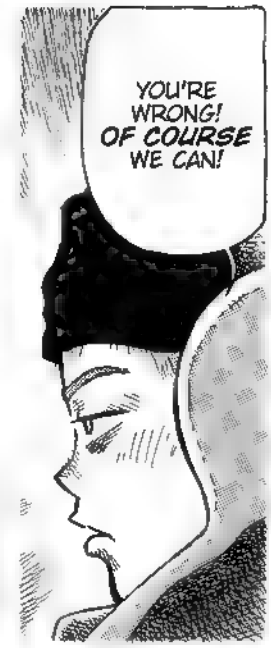
2. AS THE ENEMIES ARE CARRYING MR. AMAMI OUT OF THE CAVE, ASSAULT THEM AND TAKE HIM BACK!





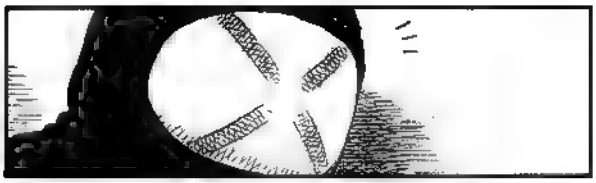


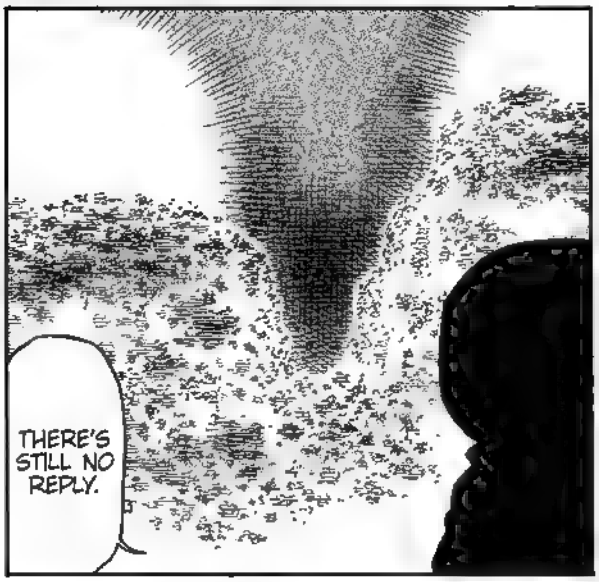
SO THEY'RE TRYING TO CAPTURE HIM ALIVE.
SEEMS LIKE THE ENEMY HQ THINKS MR. AMAMI IS A RATHER IMPORTANT PERSON.
HNNN
AHNNNNNGH...
NO, WE WILL HAND HIM OVER PROPERLY.
THERE'S ENOUGH OXYGEN FOR JUST THE TWO OF US.
THEN WE COULD'VE JUST LEFT HIM HERE.
IF THEY DAWDLED AROUND, MR. AMAMI WOULD BE DEAD BY THE TIME THEY FIND HIM.
BUT THEIR UNDERLINGS ARE POOR AND BARELY EDUCATED.
IT'S NOT AS EASY AS IT SOUNDS.
BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET HIM BACK?
...
You're right
GULP
THEY WOULD PROBABLY TORTURE HIM TO DEATH.
AND LET'S SAY THEY DO MANAGE TO FIND HIM. IF IT'S OUT OF SIGHT FROM THEIR COMMANDER...



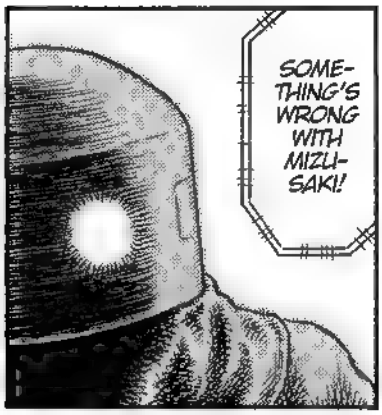
DETAILS OF THE PLAN ASIDE...

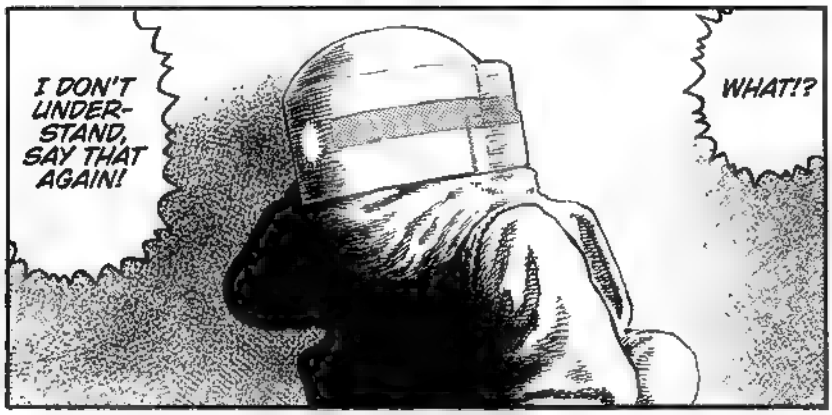
AS ALWAYS, I'M IMPRESSED BY HER PERSEVERANCE. SHE'S LIKE THE TAIL STRUGGLING TO THE LAST OF ITS BREATH AFTER BEING CUT OFF FROM A SPOTTED VENOMOUS LIZARD.

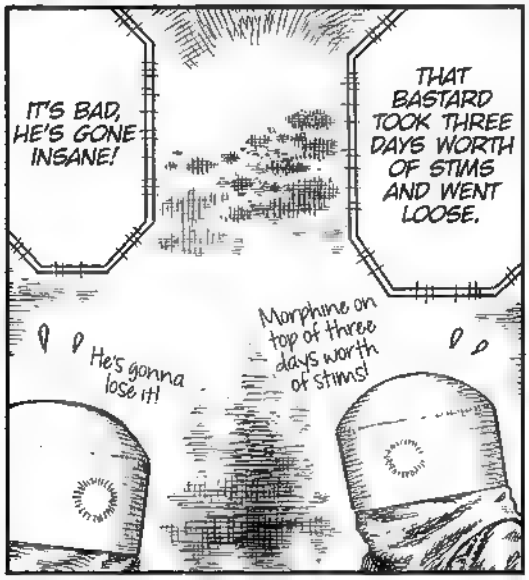


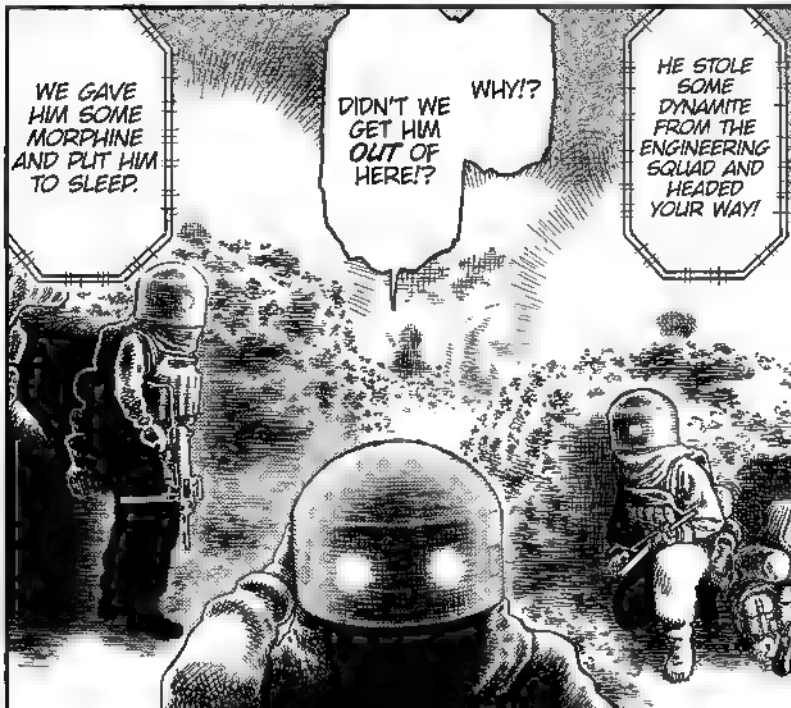

THERE'S STILL NO REPLY.

AH...
THE NEGOTIATION SHOULD BE EASIER TO PULL OFF.
IF WE'RE PUTTING OUR LIVES ON THE LINE,
IT'S ONLY AS A THREAT.
WAH WAH WAH...
SIGHHH


SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH MIZUSAKI!


I DON'T UNDERSTAND, SAY THAT AGAIN!
WHAT!?


IT'S BAD, HE'S GONE INSANE!
THAT BASTARD TOOK THREE DAYS WORTH OF STIMS AND WENT LOOSE.
He's gonna lose it!
Morphine on top of three days worth of stims!


WE GAVE HIM SOME MORPHINE AND PUT HIM TO SLEEP.
DIDN'T WE GET HIM OUT OF HERE!?
WHY!?
HE STOLE SOME DYNAMITE FROM THE ENGINEERING SQUAD AND HEADED YOUR WAY!

"IF WE DON'T KILL THE ENEMIES, WE'RE ALL GONNA GET KILLED."

THAT'S GOTTA BE IT. HE WAS MUMBLING IT THE WHOLE TIME.

WHA!

HE'S TRYING TO BLOW THE ENEMY UP.

WHAT'S HE GONNA DO WITH THE STOLEN DYNA-MITE?

BRING HIM BACK!

THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU, HE'S GONE INSANE.

THE HELL IS HE THINK-ING?

DON'T FUCK WITH ME! GOING AROUND AND DOING HIS OWN THING

HE MIGHT BE CLOSING IN ON YOU.

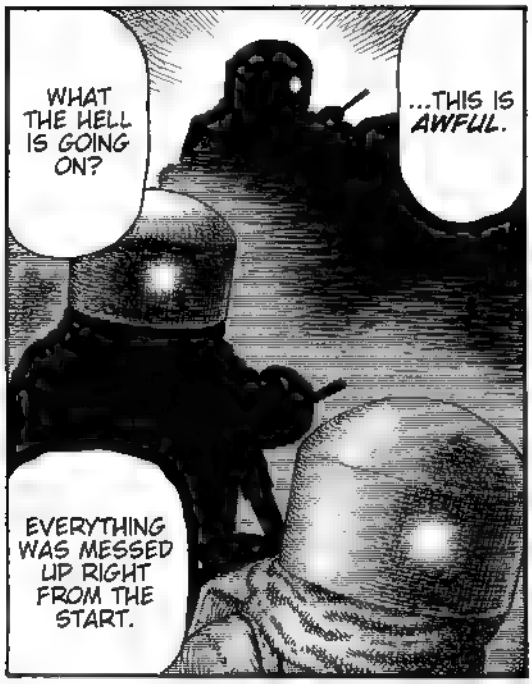
WE ALSO ONLY JUST FOUND OUT NOW.

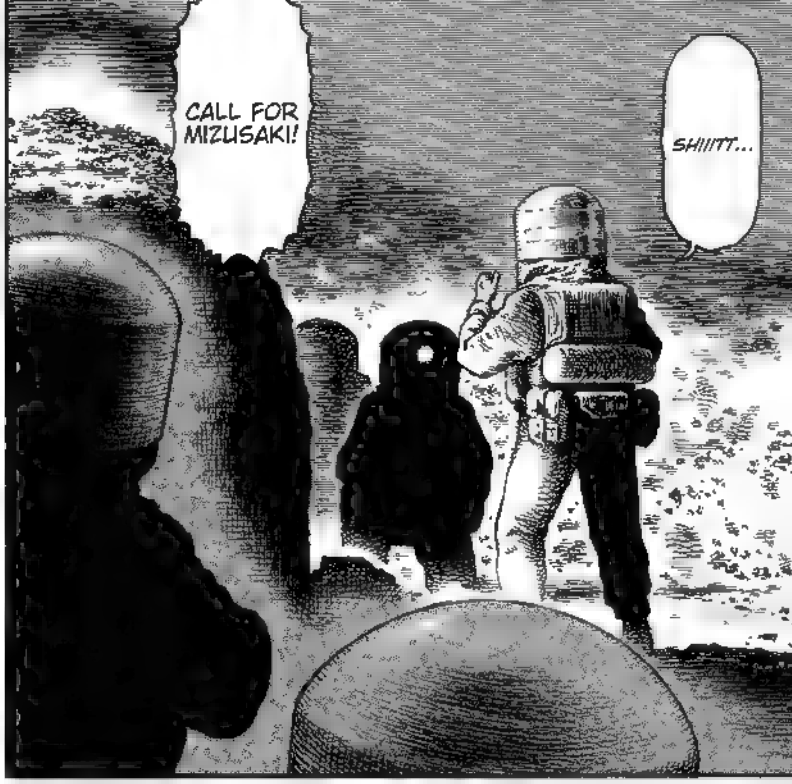
HE WAS LAST SEEN TWO HOURS AGO.

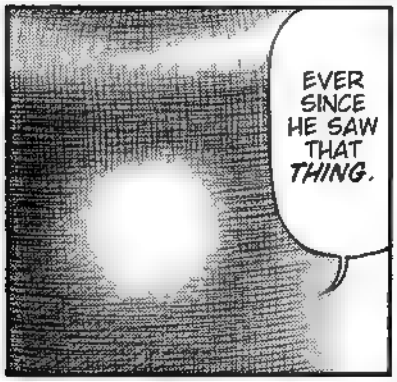
WHO ON EARTH WOULD TRY TO CHASE MIZUSAKI AROUND IN A CAVE?

YOU'RE ASKING FOR THE IMPOSSI-BLE

TSK

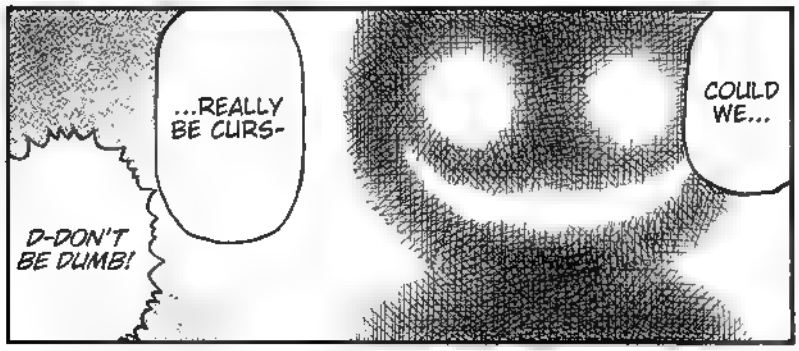

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
...THIS IS AWFUL.
EVERYTHING WAS MESSED UP RIGHT FROM THE START.


CALL FOR MIZUSAKI!
SHIIITT...

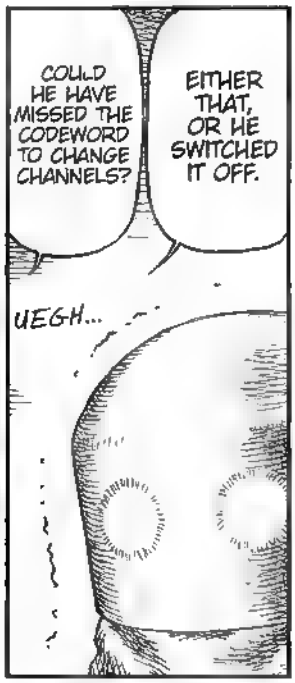

EVER SINCE HE SAW THAT THING.

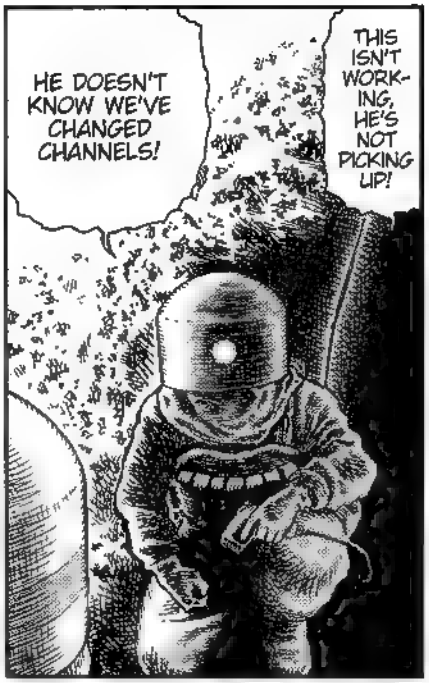
THAT GUY HAS ALWAYS BEEN WEIRD LIKE THAT.
Yo, Mizusaki! Can you hear me? Say something!
WE GET A CRAZY COMRADE.
RIGHT WHEN WE GET A BOMB THREAT FROM THE ENEMY,

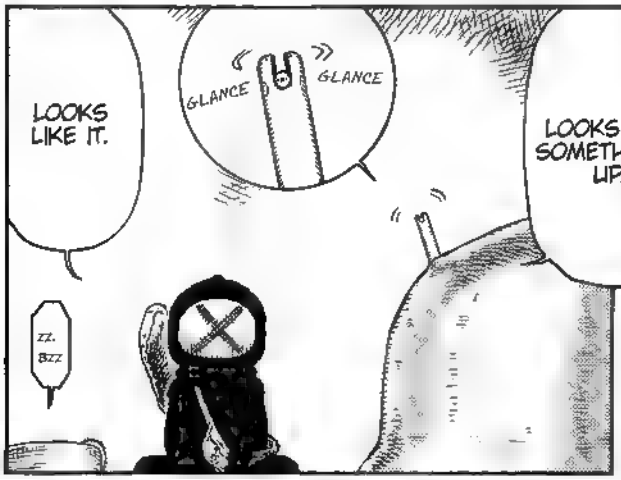
GULP...
HE STARTED ACTING STRANGE AFTER SEEING THAT TH NG.

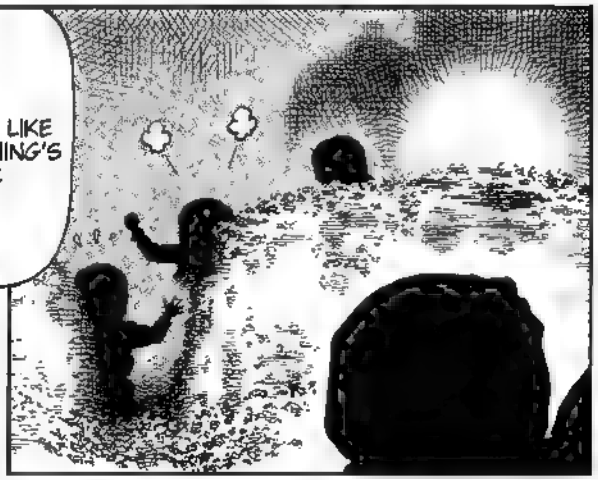

...REALLY BE CURS-
COULD WE...
D-DON'T BE DUMB!

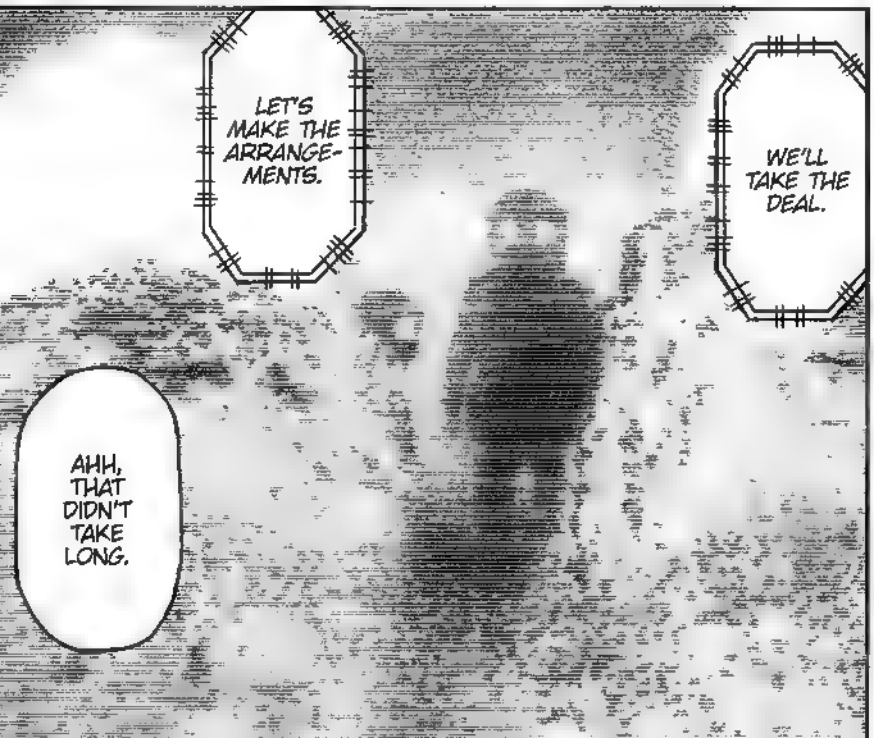
THEY'D BE ABLE TO CAPITALIZE ON IT.
WAIT! THE ENEMY COULD HEAR IT.
SHOULD WE GO BACK TO THE PREVIOUS CHANNEL AND CALL FOR HIM?
BLANK


COULD HE HAVE MISSED THE CODEWORD TO CHANGE CHANNELS?
EITHER THAT, OR HE SWITCHED IT OFF.
UEGH...

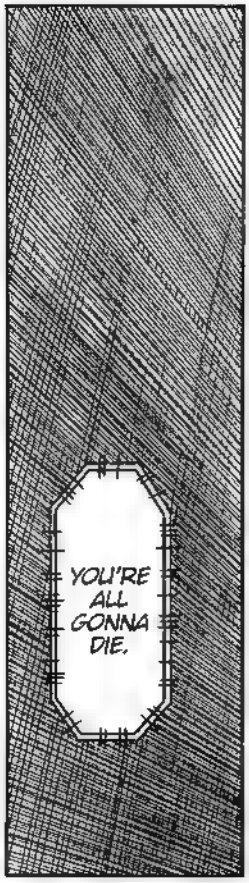

HE DOESN'T KNOW WE'VE CHANGED CHANNELS!
THIS ISN'T WORKING, HE'S NOT PICKING UP!

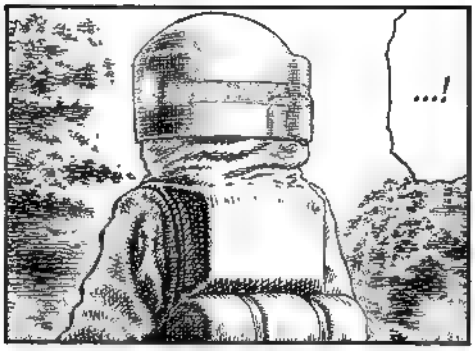

LOOKS LIKE IT.
GLANCE
GLANCE
zz. Bzz


LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING'S UP.


LET'S MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS.
WE'LL TAKE THE DEAL.
AHH, THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG.

BA-DUMP
Wah, they called!
YO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?


YOU'RE ALL GONNA DIE.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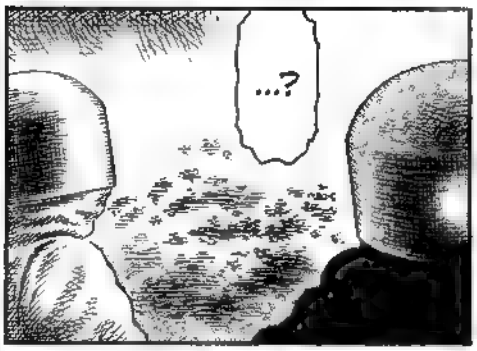
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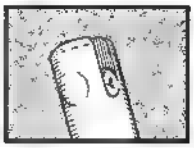
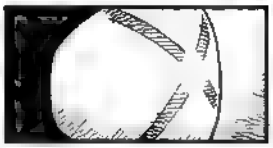
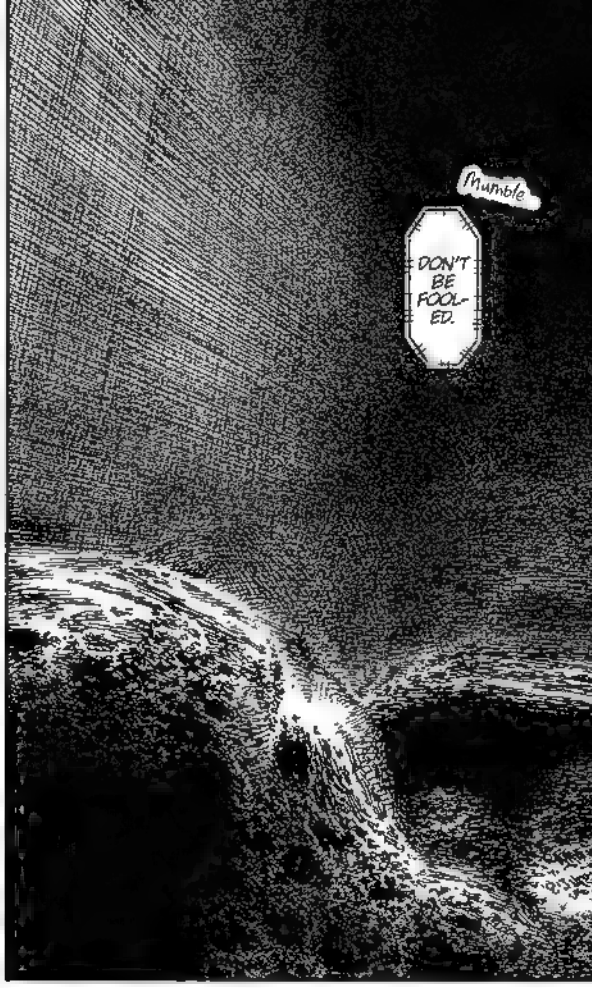
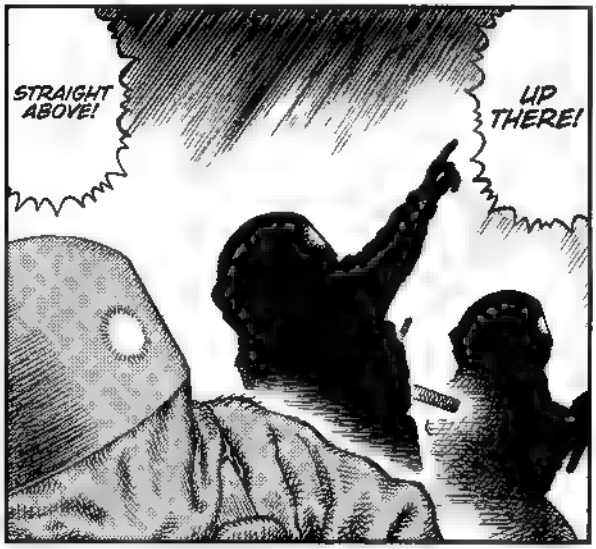
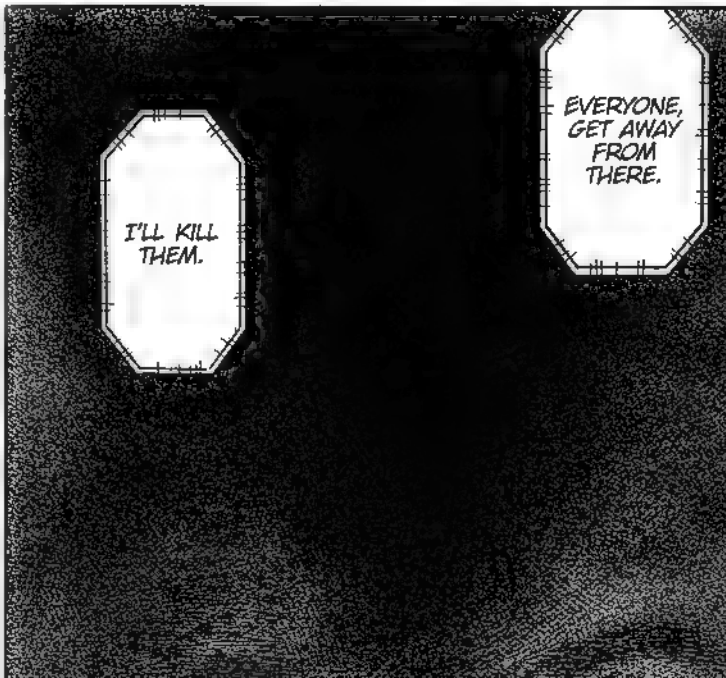


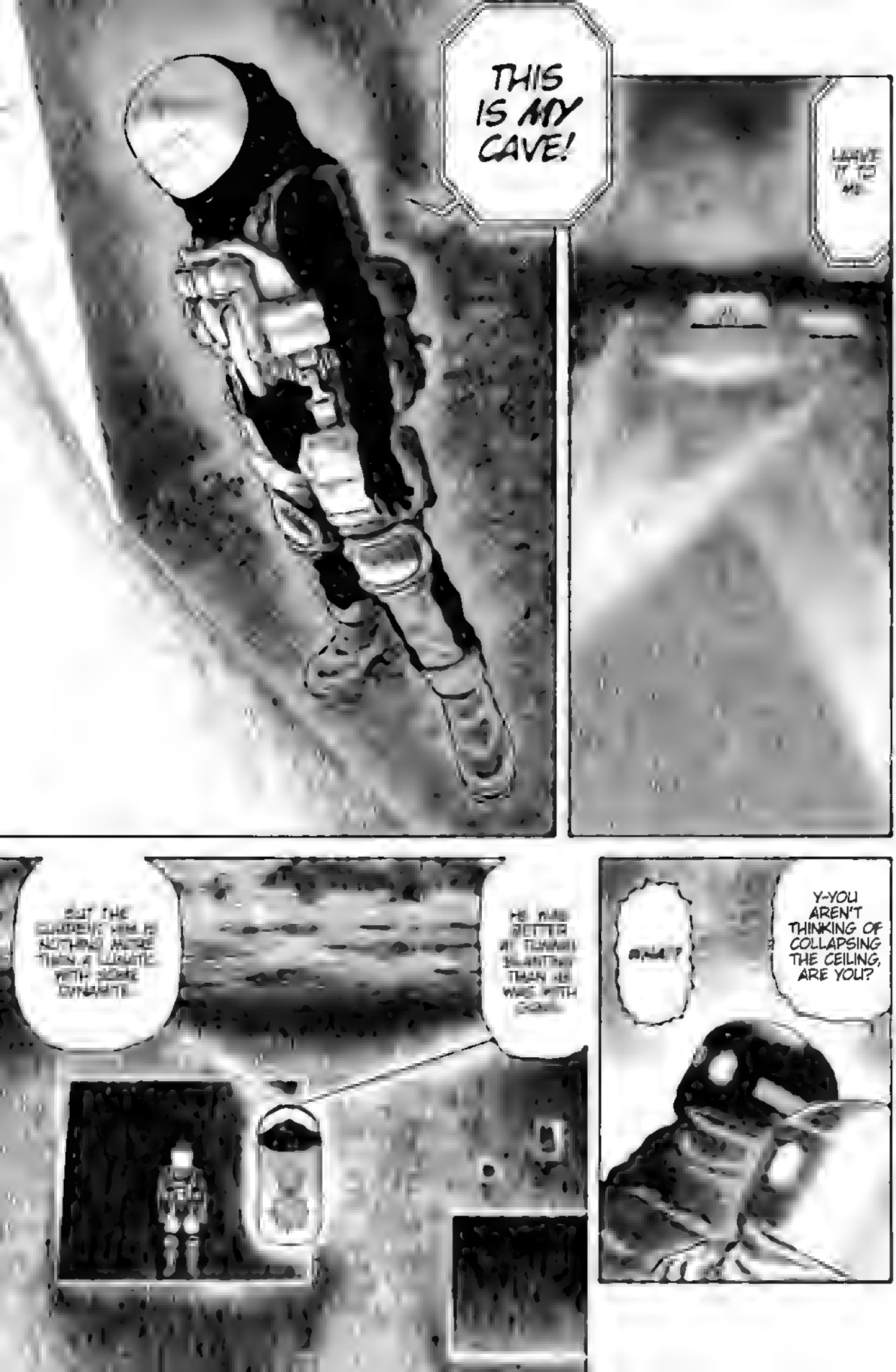


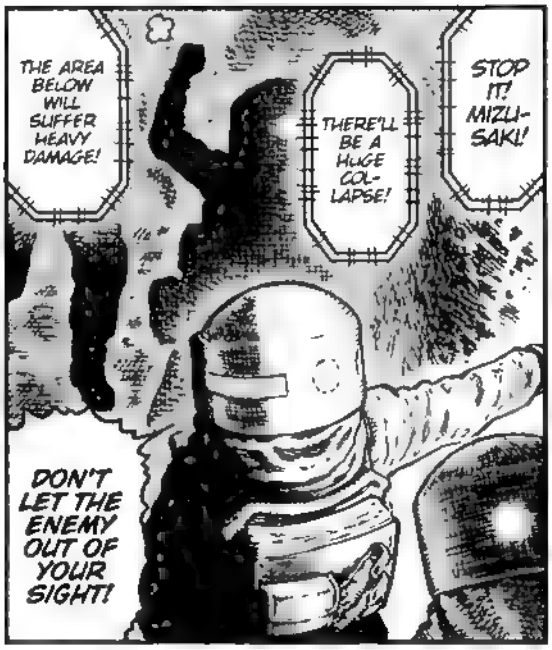

Mumble
DON'T BE FOOL-ED.

CHANGE THE CHAN-NEL! THE ENEMY CAN HEAR US!
WHERE?
IS THAT MIZU-SA-KI!?
MI-MIZU-SAKI!


STRAIGHT ABOVE!
UP THERE!

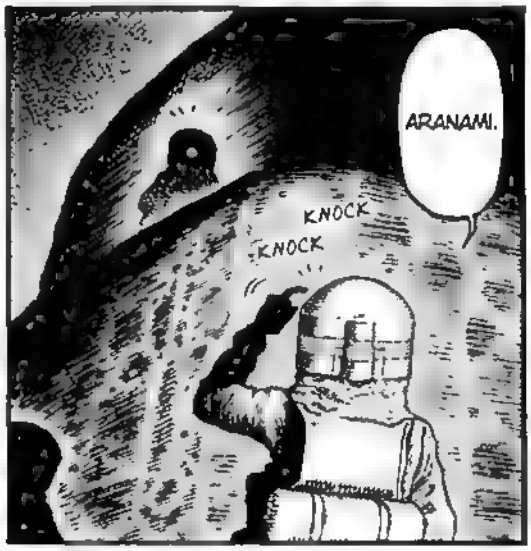

I'LL KILL THEM.
EVERYONE, GET AWAY FROM THERE.

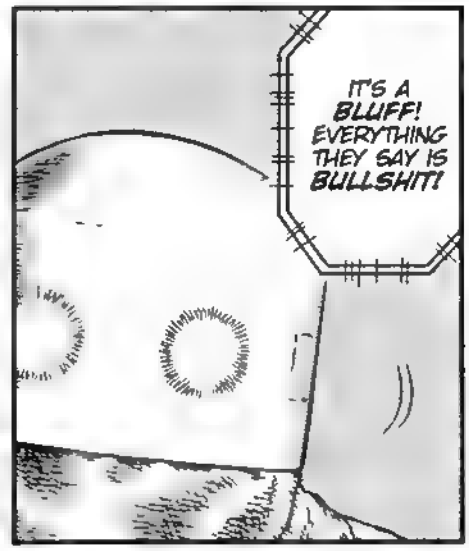

THIS IS MY CAVE!
LEAVE IT TO ME.
BUT THE CHARGE HIM IS NOTHING MORE THAN A LUNATIC WITH SOME DYNAMITE.
HE WAS BETTER AT TUNNEL SLAUGHTER THAN HE WAS WITH DYNAMITE.
WHAT?
Y-YOU AREN'T THINKING OF COLLAPSING THE CEILING, ARE YOU?

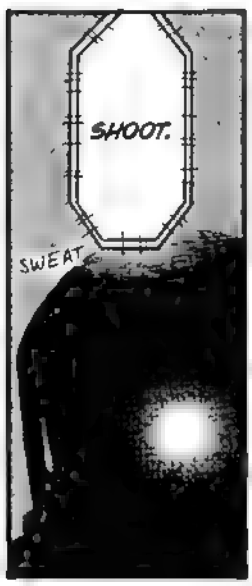

THE AREA BELOW WILL SUFFER HEAVY DAMAGE!
THERE'LL BE A HUGE COLLAPSE!
STOP IT! MIZUSAKI!
DON'T LET THE ENEMY OUT OF YOUR SIGHT!

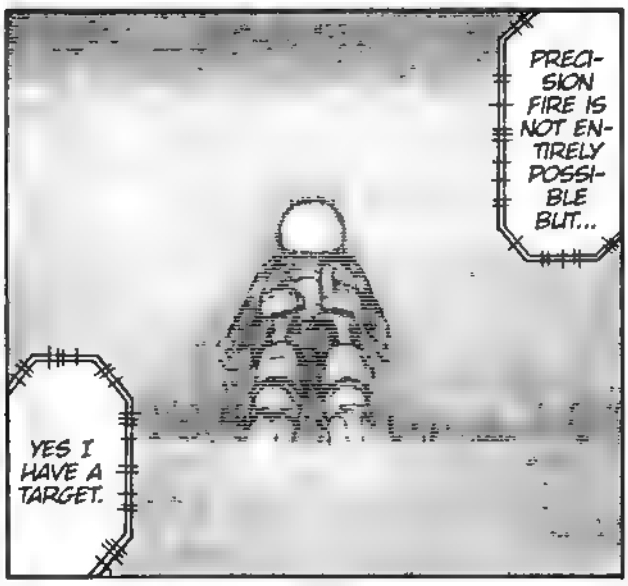
I'LL BLOW YOU TO HELL.

Changing channel
RWW-WHHH
ZZ ZZ...
BZZ


ARANAMI.
KNOCK
KNOCK

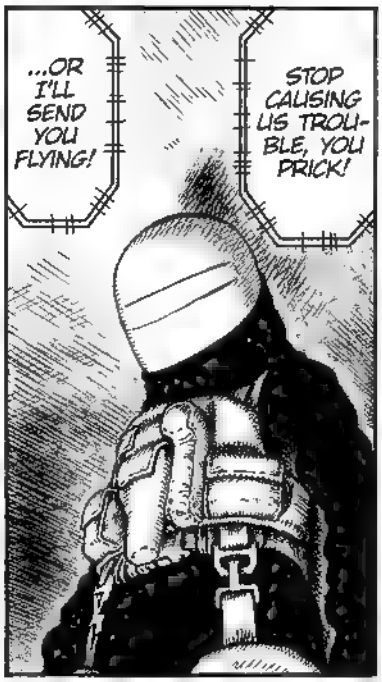

IT'S A BLUFF! EVERYTHING THEY SAY IS BULLSHIT!


SHOOT.
SWEAT


PRECISION FIRE IS NOT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE BUT...
YES I HAVE A TARGET.

I changed it
DO YOU HAVE A TARGET ON MIZUSAKI?

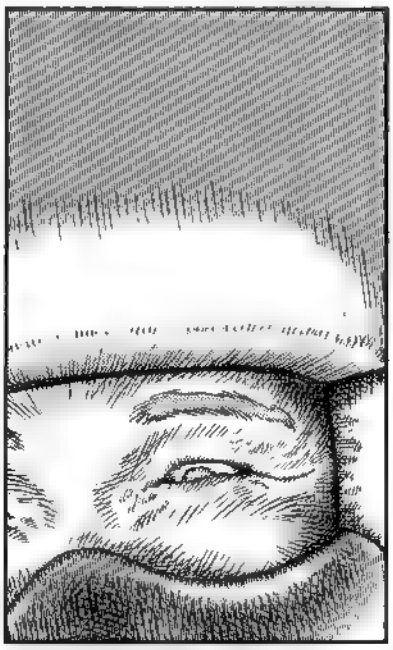
HEY, STOP WORKING HIM UP!


...OR I'LL SEND YOU FLYING!
STOP CAUSING US TROUBLE, YOU PRICK!

COME DOWN HERE!
THE DRUG'S GETTING INTO YOUR HEAD!
YOU'VE GONE OUT OF YOUR MIND!

YOU'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING!
WELL DONE!
KEEP AT IT!

GOOD!



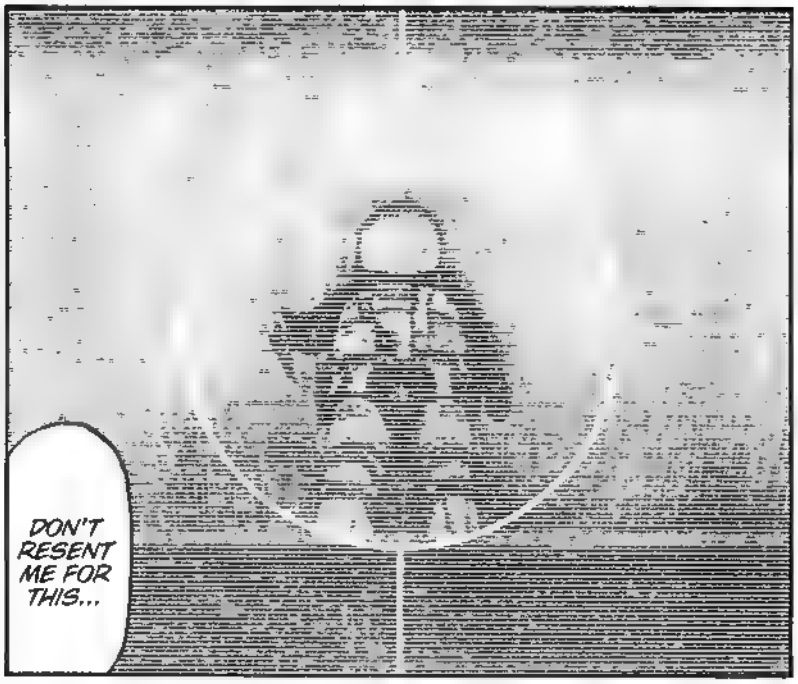
YOU'RE THE HUNTER OF HUNTERS.

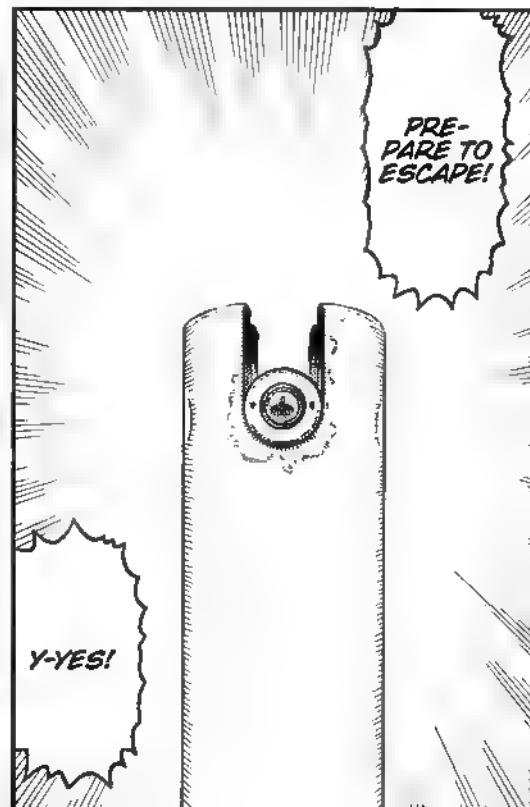
SHIVER SHIVER SHIVER
SHIVER SHIVER
IF SHE FREEZES UP AGAIN NOW...

HUH

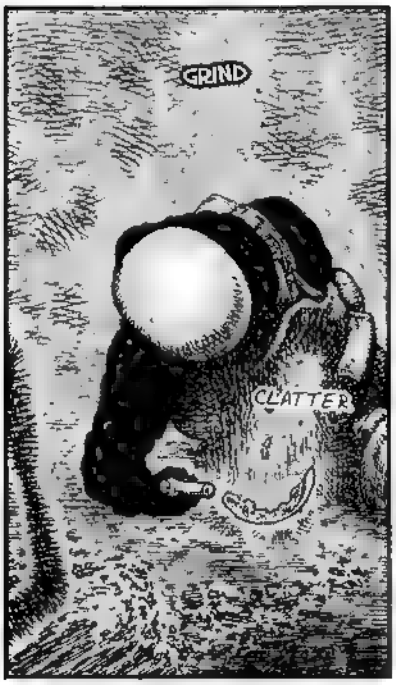
TH... TH-THINGS HAVE GONE HORRIBLY WRONG!

COME HERE!


DON'T RESENT ME FOR THIS...


PRE-PARE TO ESCAPE!
Y-YES!

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
GYAA!


GRIND
CLATTER

UUGH...
THUD

I SAW A REACTION.
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
DID YOU GET HIM?

UHN...
CLENCH

SHUDDER
HEE HEE...

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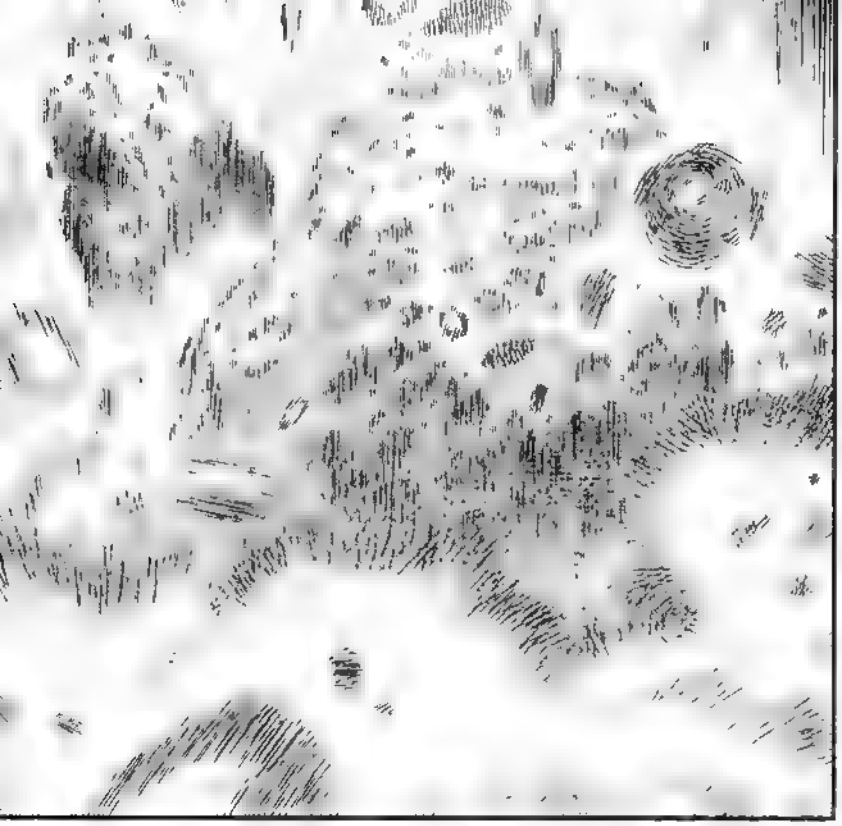
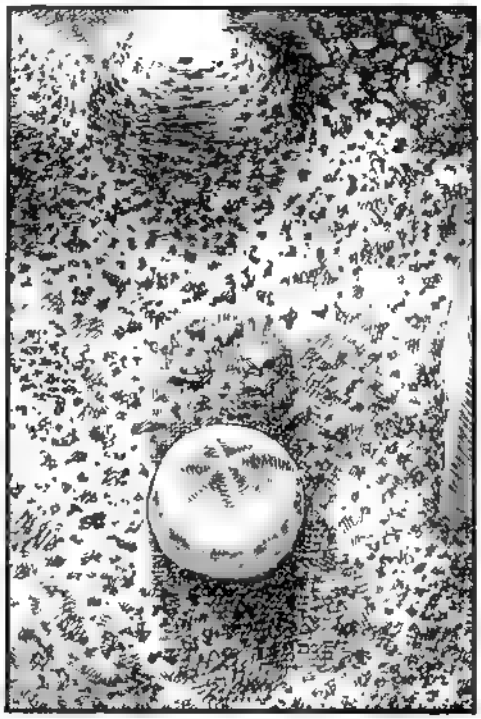
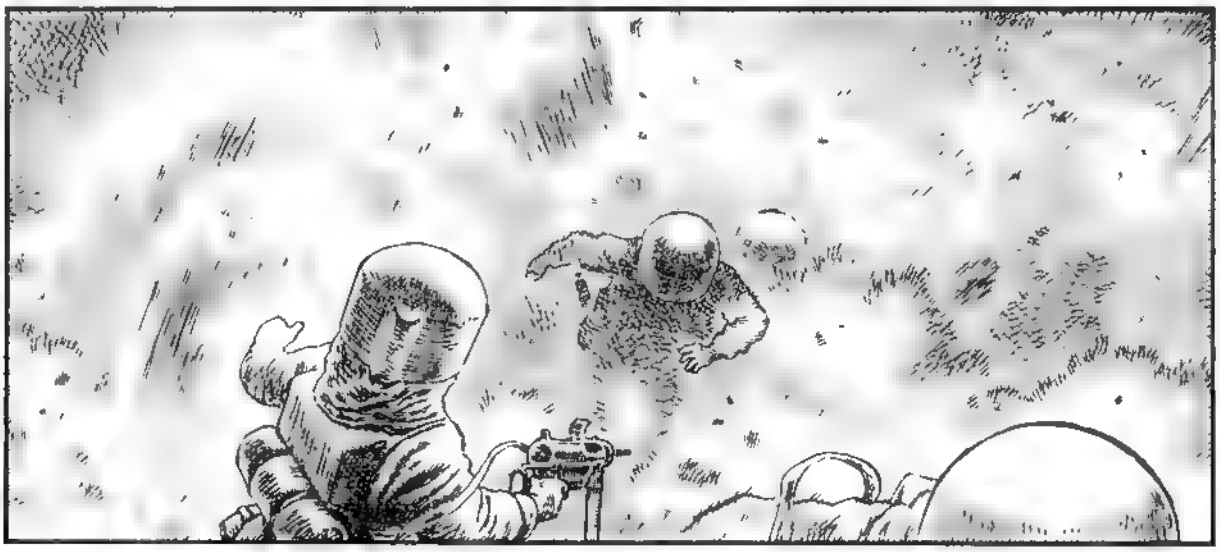
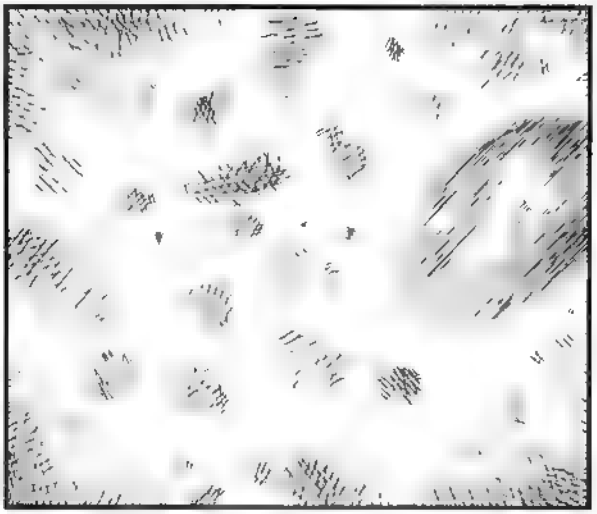
BANG...
ドー
BAM



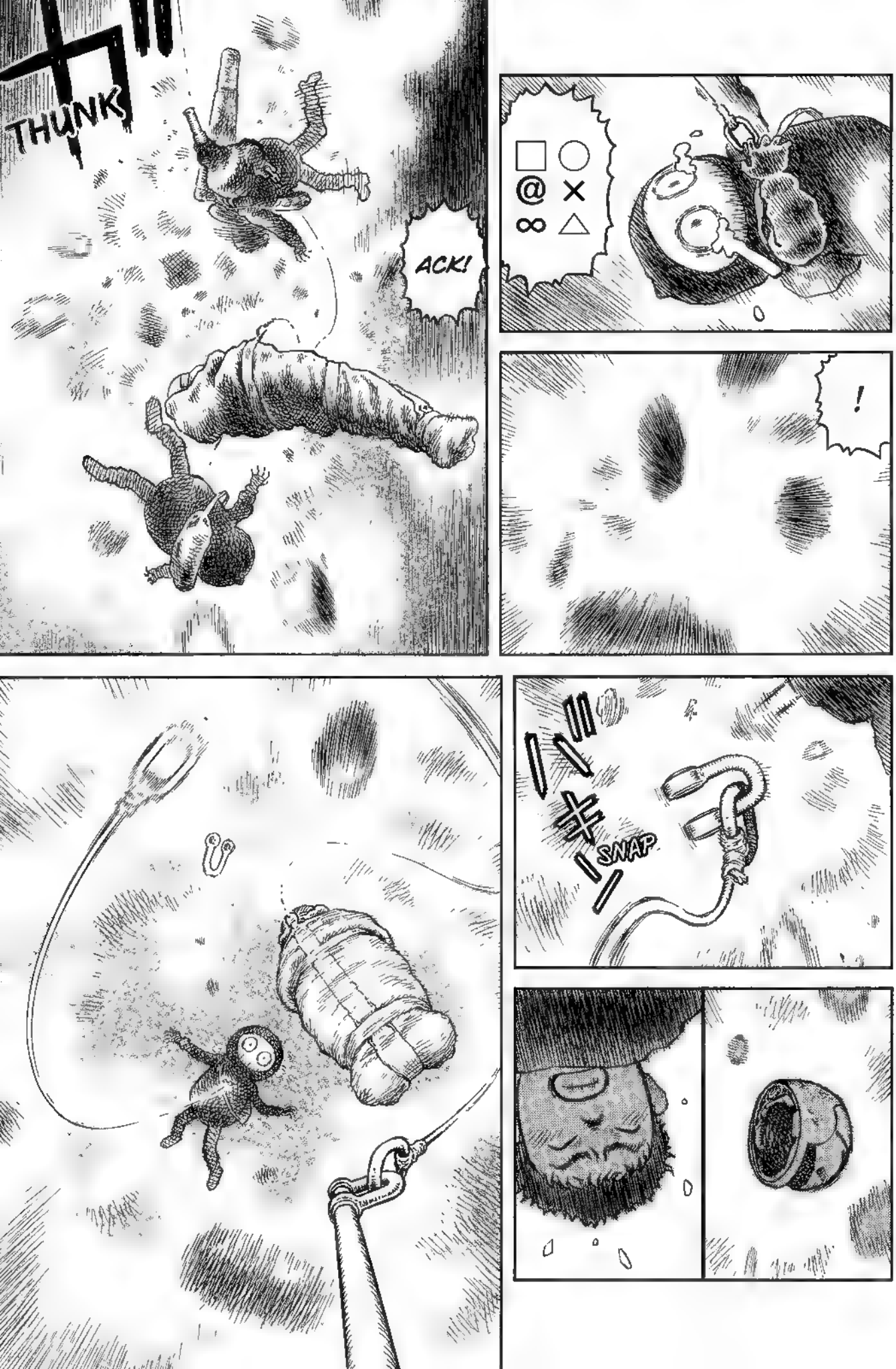




WHIRRR
SCREEEEEEOH



CRASH
WAAAAH!
THIS WAS RECKLESS! I KNEW IT!


THUNK
ACK!
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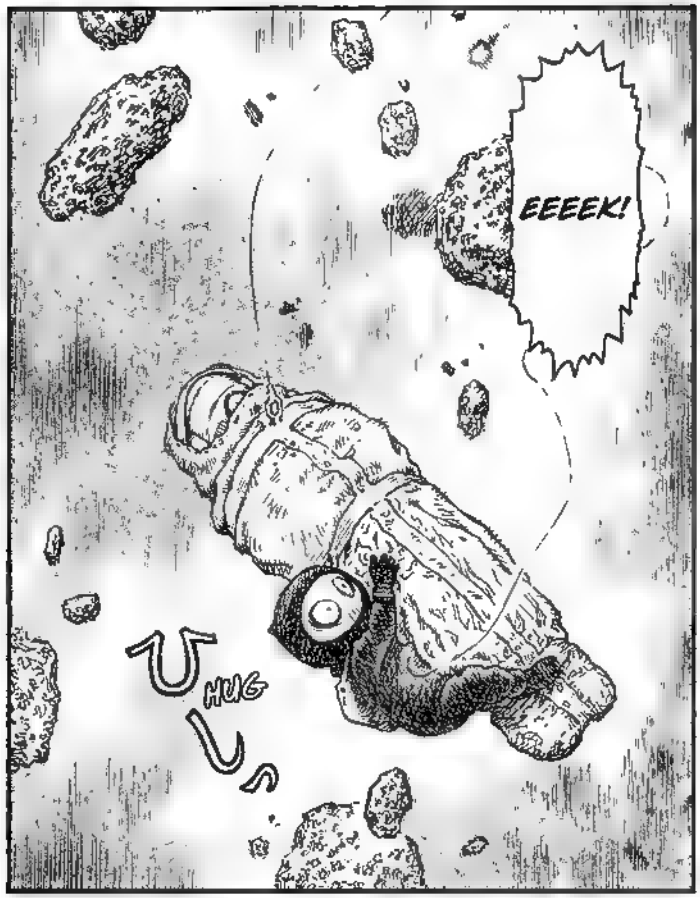
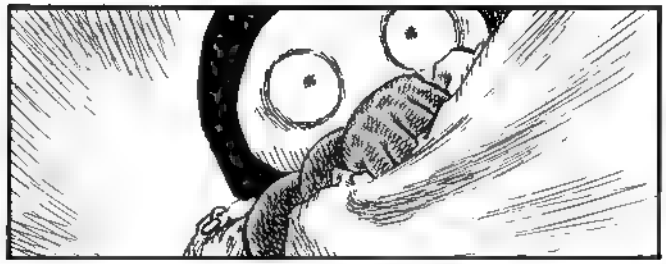
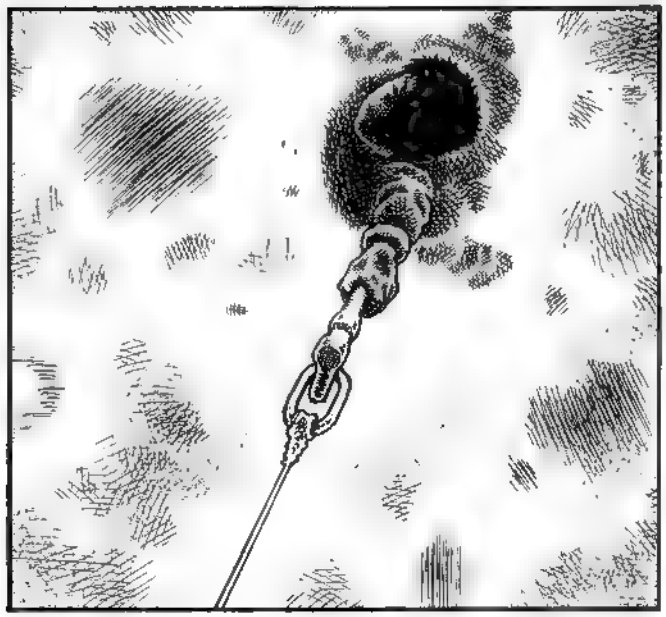
!
SNAP


EEEEK!
HUG

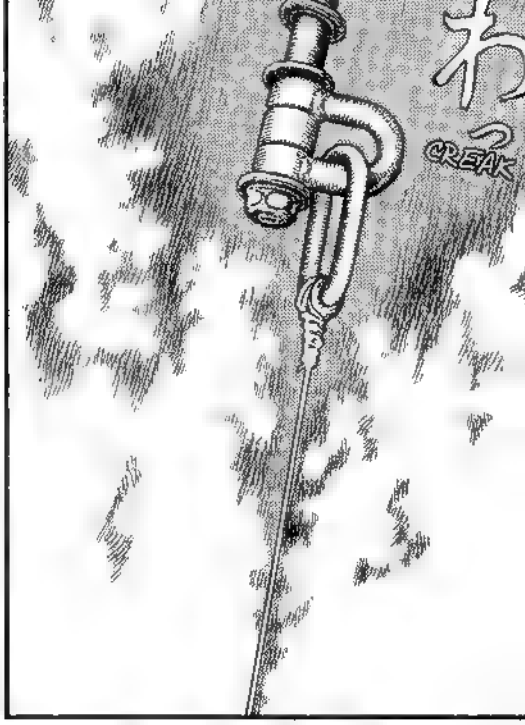




TUMBLE
TWANG

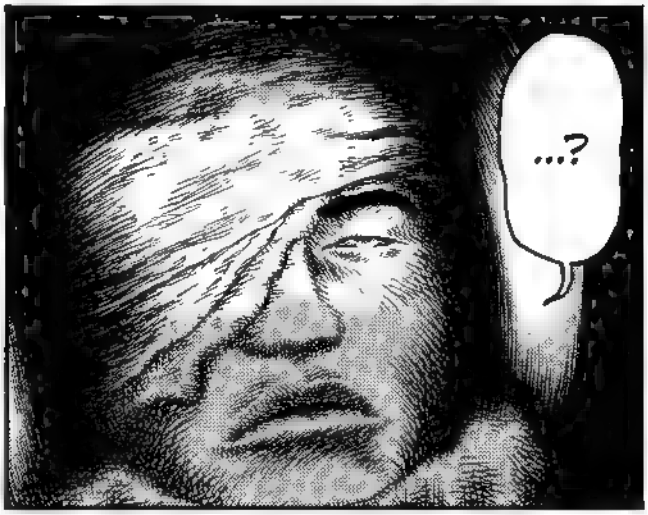
SLIP
SLIP
HELP ME!
AAAAR-RRRRG!
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
DON'T GIVE UP!
DON'T LET GO!
Eeep!
IDIOT!
YOU CAN DO IT!
UGH

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE


CREAK

...Hm?

BLANK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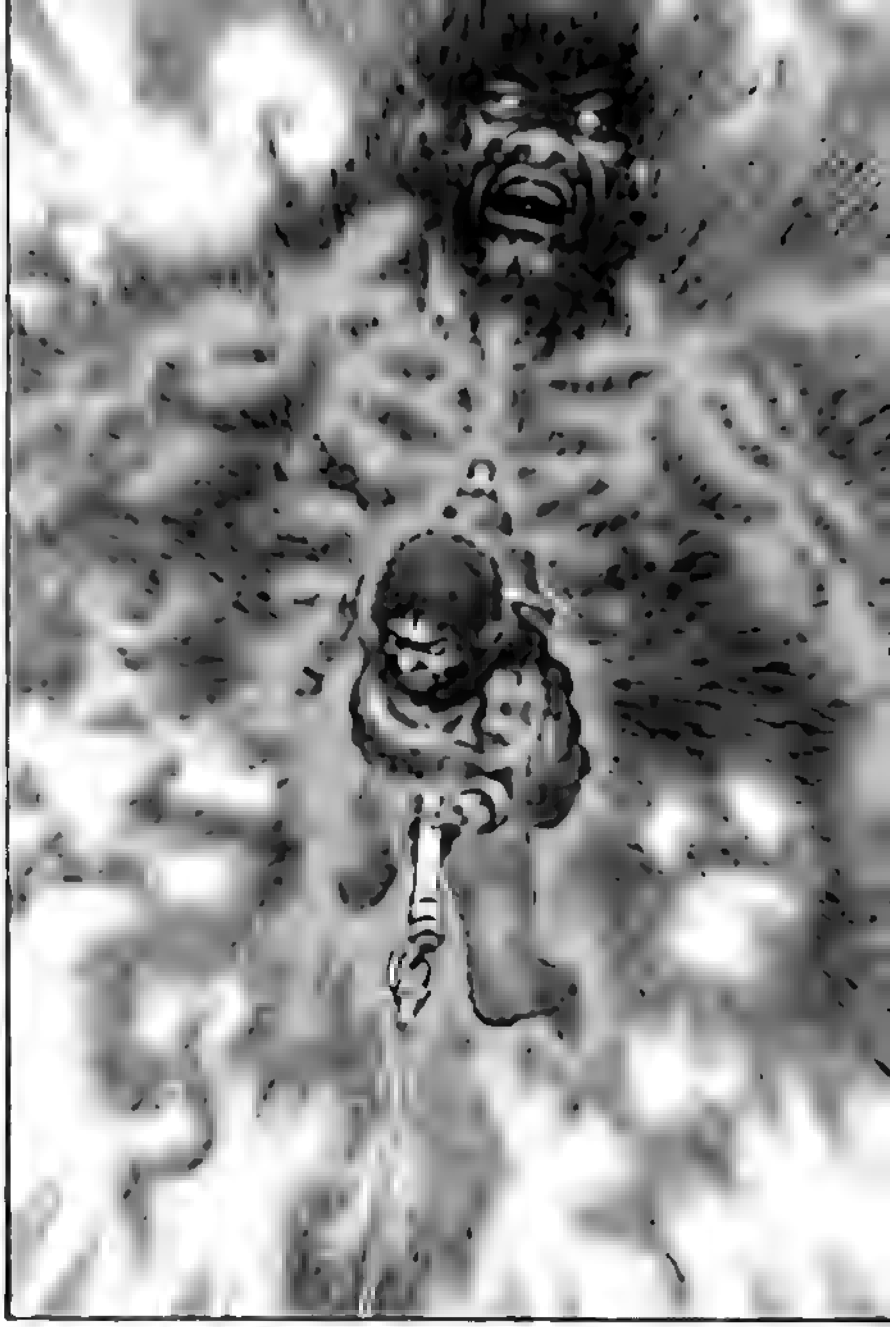
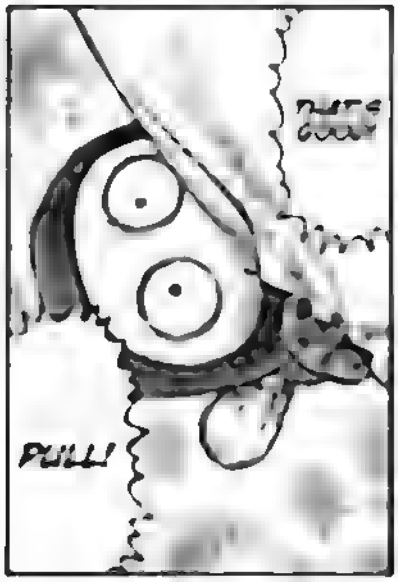
ANGER

FROM BACK MAN
ARRR

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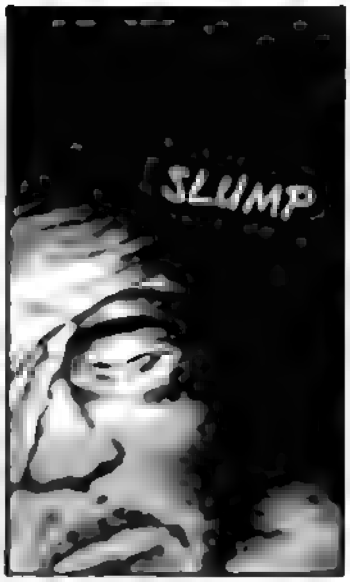
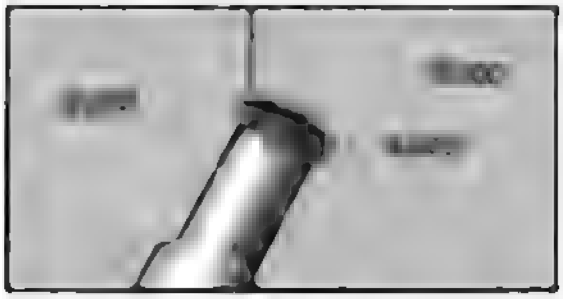

SLUMP



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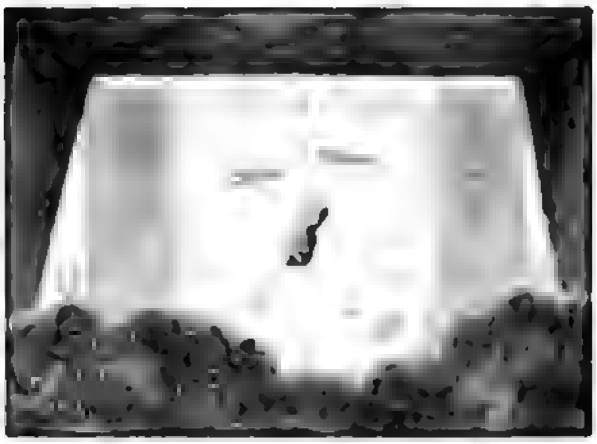

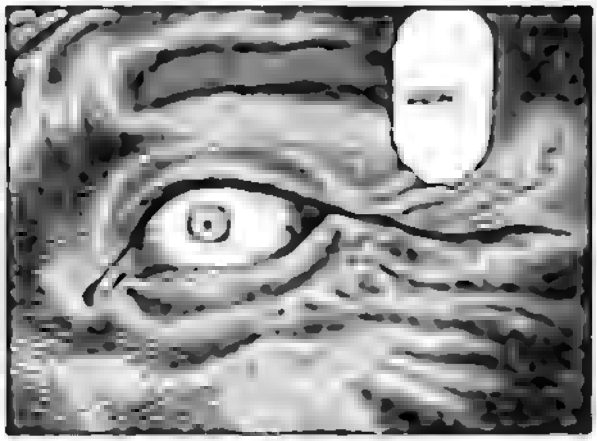

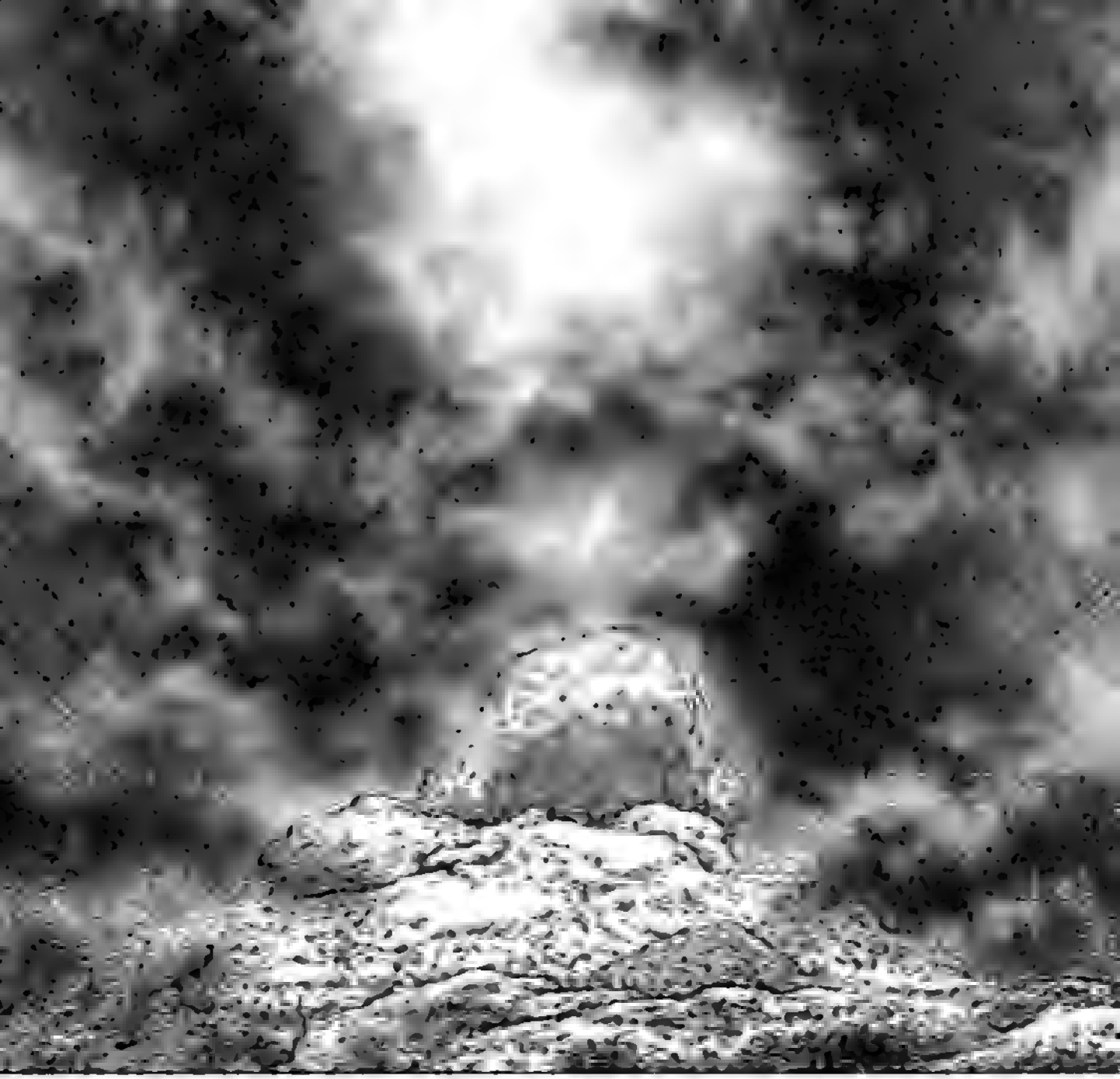

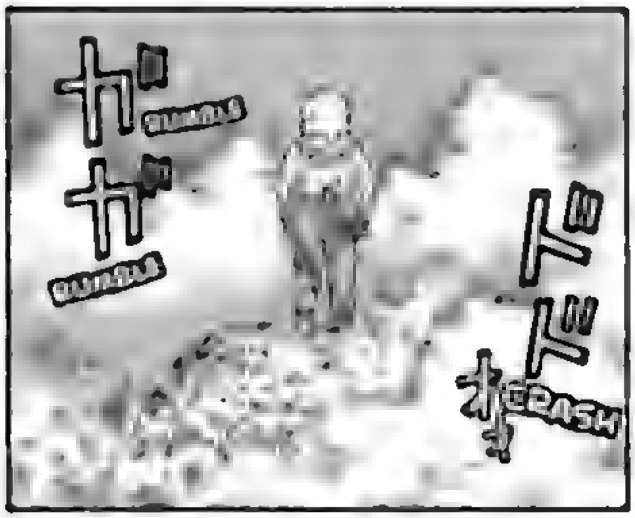
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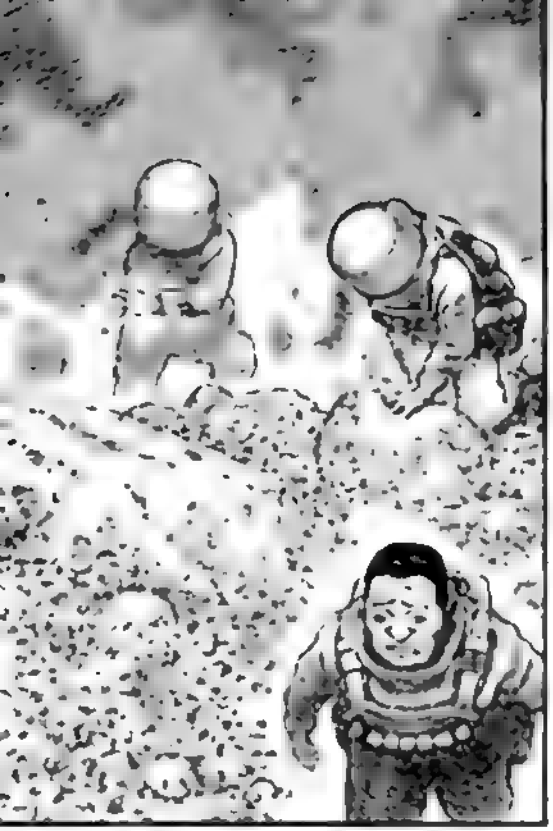

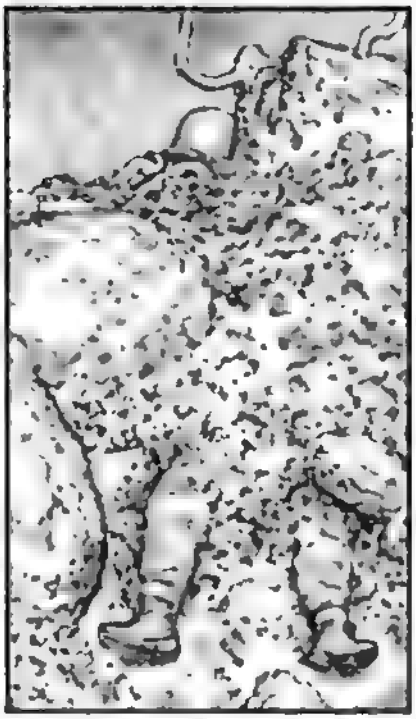

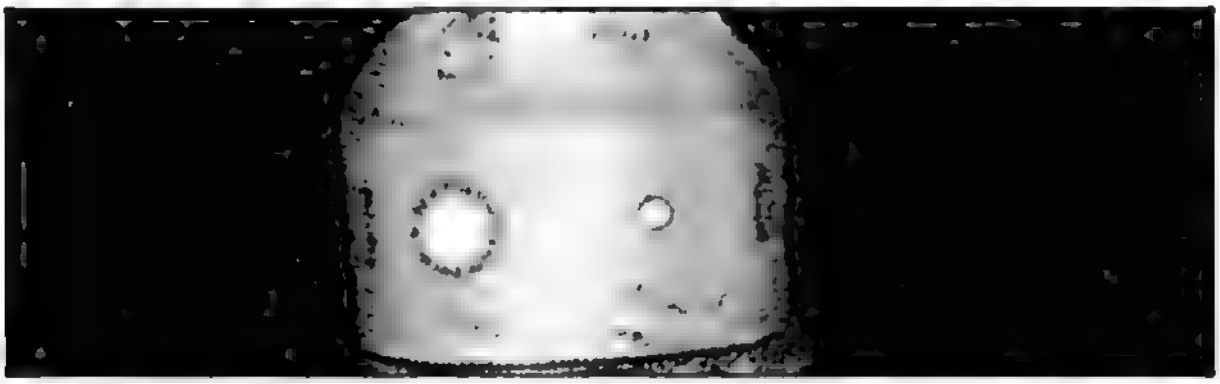

ROAR

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WHAT'S THE POINT IF YOU ALL FALL IN?

YA BUNCH OF JUNKIES.

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CRASH
IT'S GOING TO CAVE IN AGAIN.

BUT WHEN IT DOES, IT WILL COME DOWN COMPLETELY.
NO ONE KNOWS WHEN IT WILL INEVITABLY COLLAPSE.
TH-THIS LOOKS BAD. THERE'S A GIANT OPEN AREA DOWN THERE, ISN'T THERE?
BANG
FWOOSH
BAM
BAM
THUMP
THUMP

LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING'S GONE TO HELL DOWN BELOW.
IT'S DAN-GER-OUS HERE!
HEY, STAY BACK!

BAM
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BAM
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BAM
BAM
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ガラ CRUMBLE
ガラ CRUMBLE
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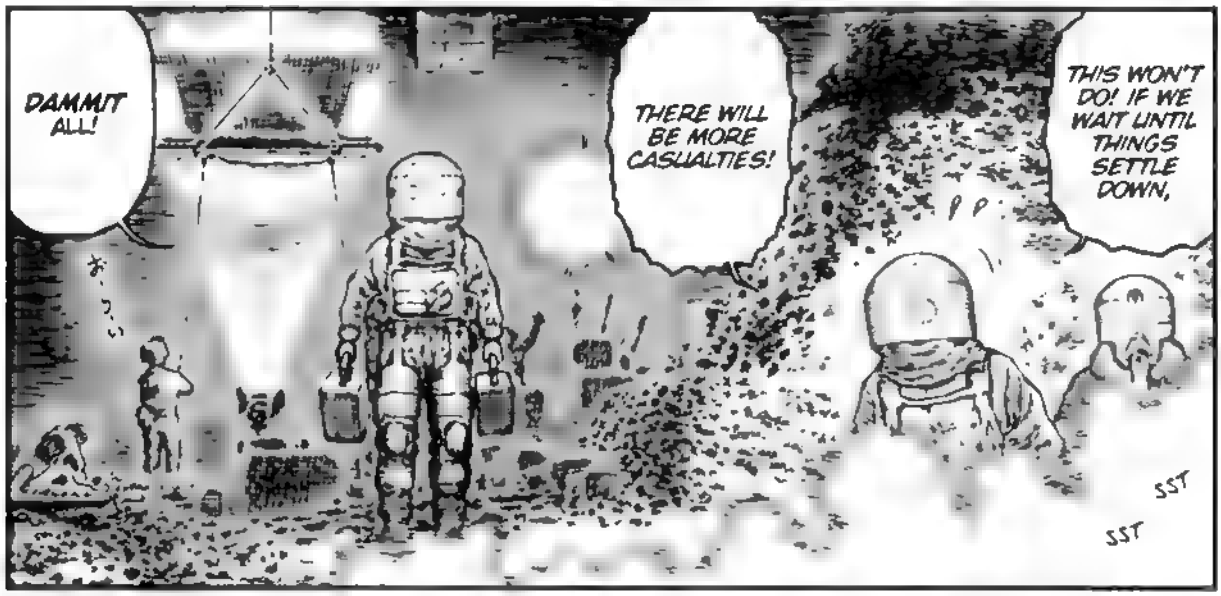
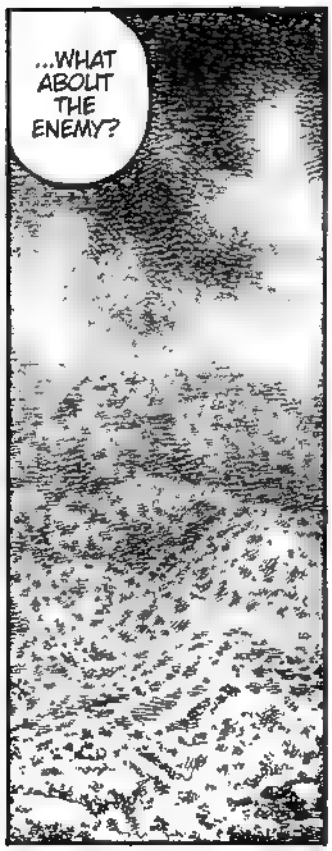
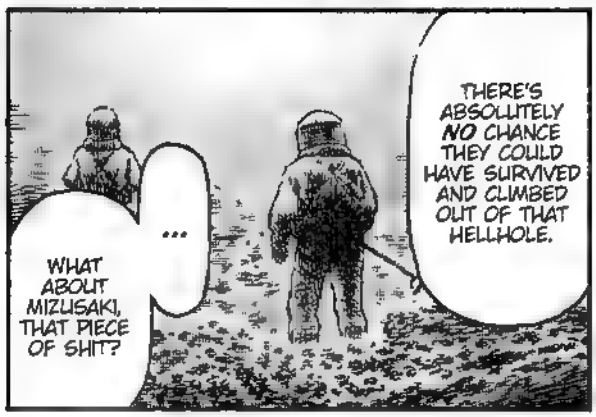
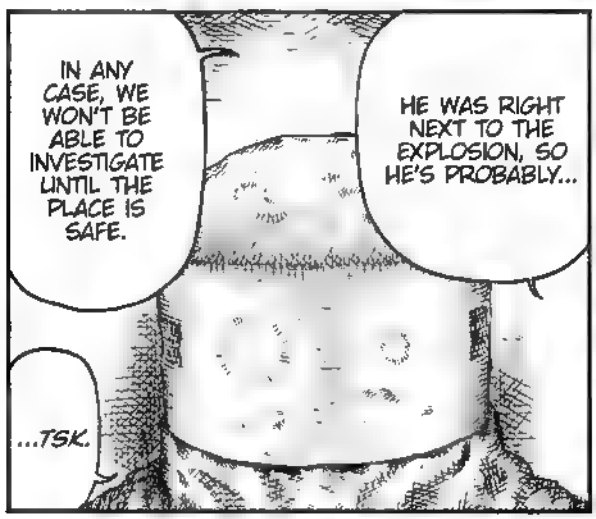
...GOOD GRIEF!
THUMP
BAM
AHH!
BAM
SHIT!



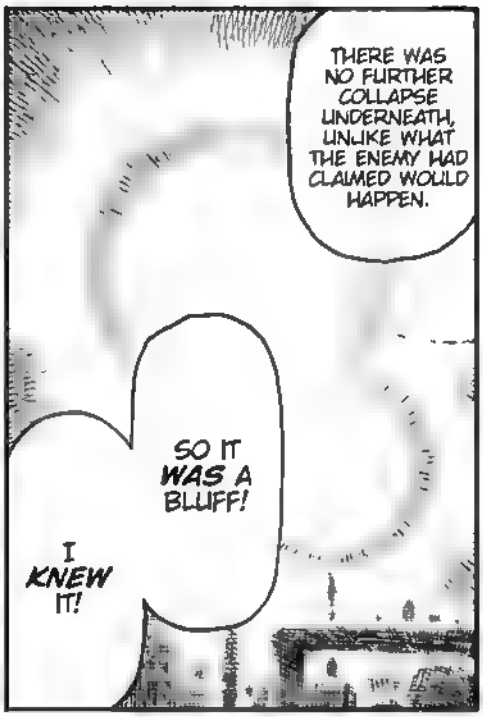

...WHAT ABOUT THE ENEMY?

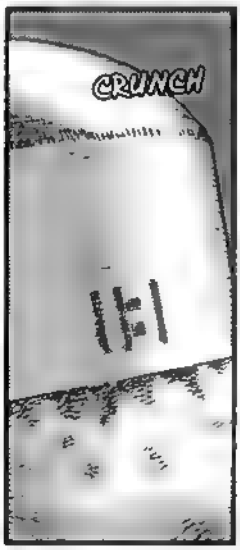
I'M JUST SAYING, WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE DYING ON US.
THESE GUYS ARE NOW NOTHING BUT SHABBY BUTTHOLES THAT DO SHIT-ALL!
LOOK AROUND YOU!
THE FUCK ARE YOU SAYING? ARE YOU BLIND?

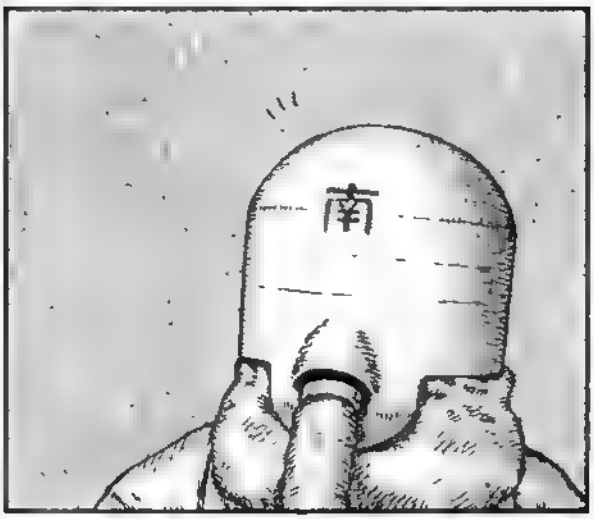

WHAT ABOUT MIZUSAKI, THAT PIECE OF SHIT?
...
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE THEY COULD HAVE SURVIVED AND CLIMBED OUT OF THAT HELLHOLE.


IN ANY CASE, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO INVESTIGATE UNTIL THE PLACE IS SAFE.
HE WAS RIGHT NEXT TO THE EXPLOSION, SO HE'S PROBABLY...
...TSK.

SO WE LOST SIGHT OF THEM WHEN THE CEILING CAME DOWN RIGHT AFTERWARDS?
WE HAVE A NUMBER OF WITNESSES REPORTING ENEMY SILHOUETTES DASHING OUT DURING THE RUCKUS WHEN MIZUSAKI WAS SNIPED.
We got him!
We got him!
Did we get him?
THEY PROBABLY TURNED INTO MINCEMEAT UNDER THE RUBBLE.
SNEAK
SNEAK
SNEAK







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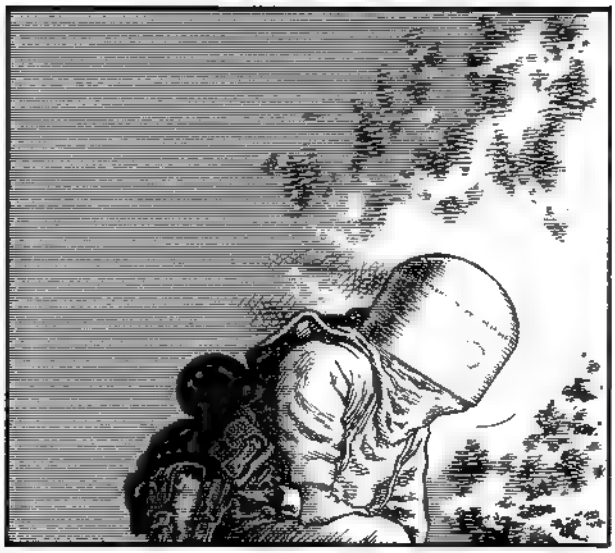
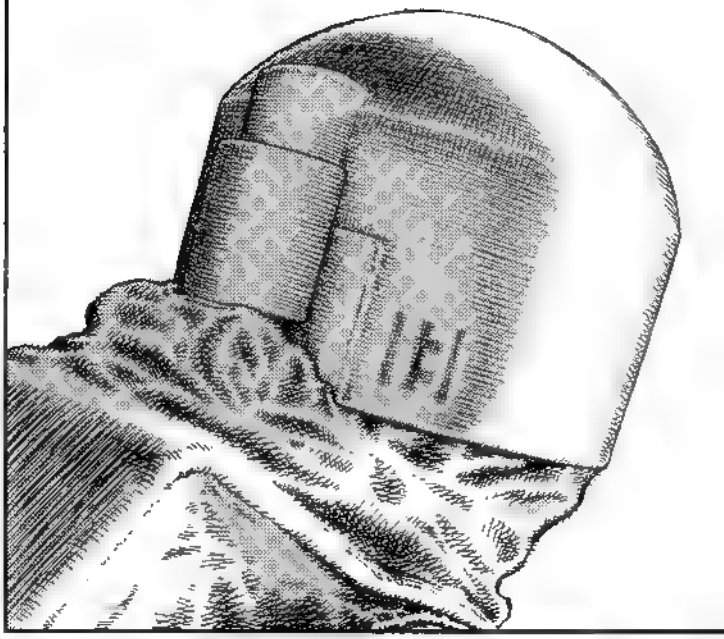
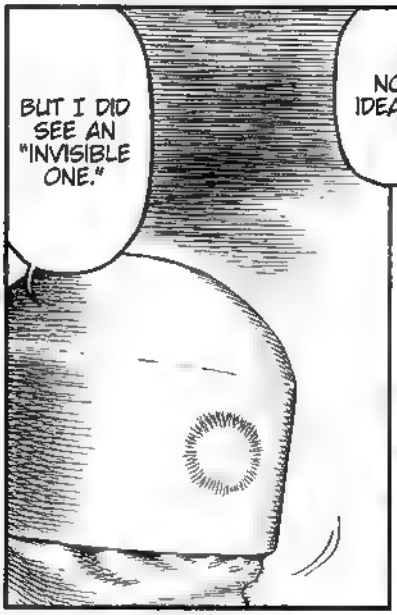
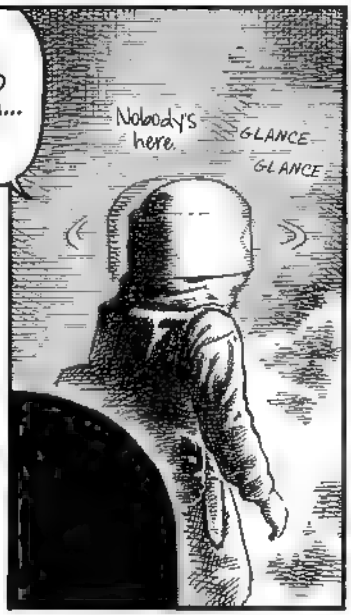
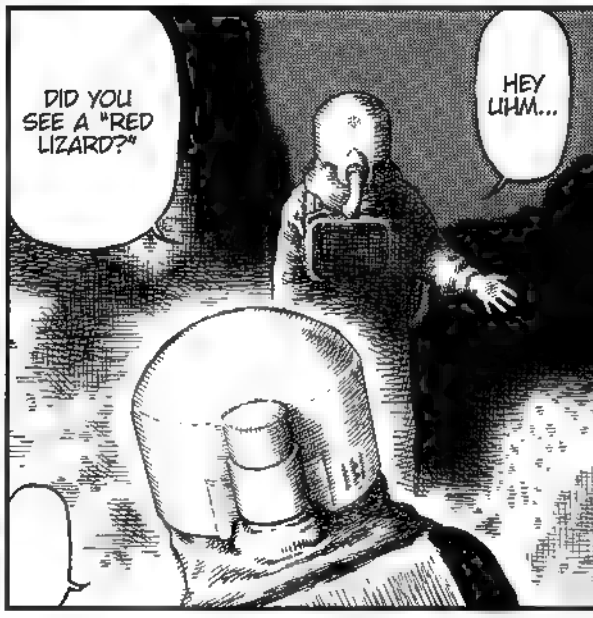
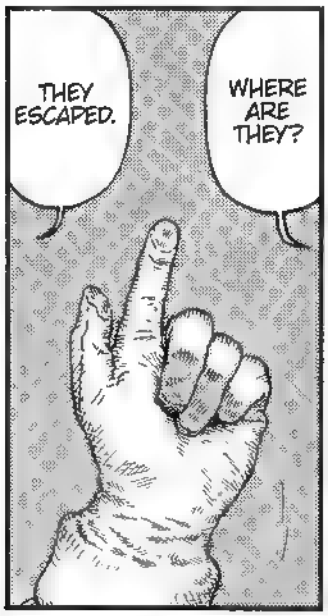





BUT I DID SEE AN "INVISIBLE ONE."
NO IDEA...


Nobody's here.
GLANCE
GLANCE

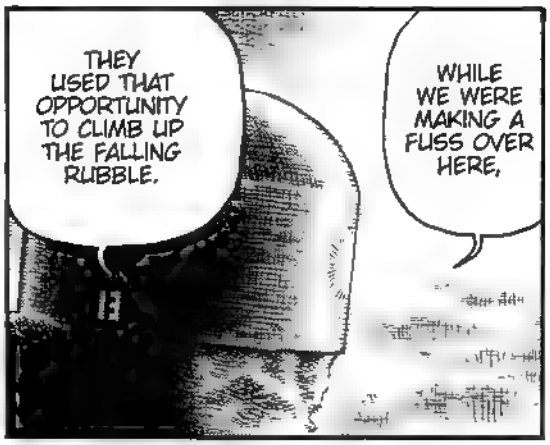

DID YOU SEE A "RED LIZARD?"
HEY UHM...

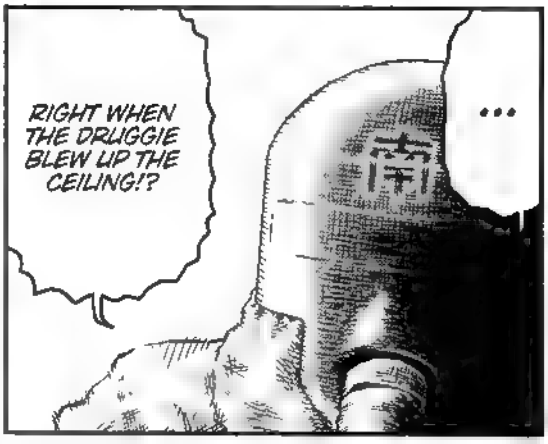

THEY ESCAPED.
WHERE ARE THEY?

IT WAS QUITE THE SIGHT.
THAT WAS TERRIBLE, WASN'T IT?

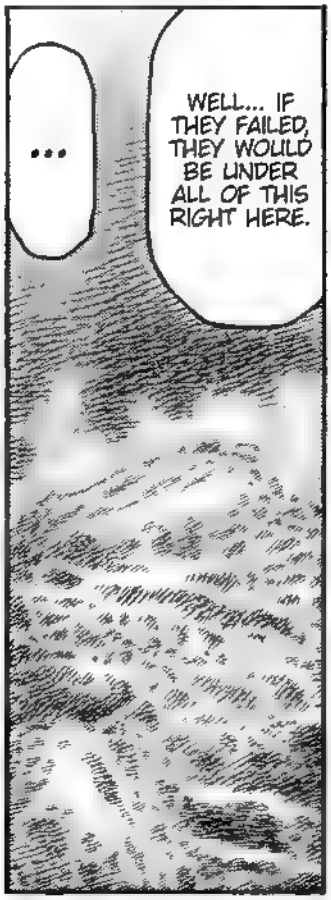
YOU CAME AT THE RIGHT TIME.
YO.

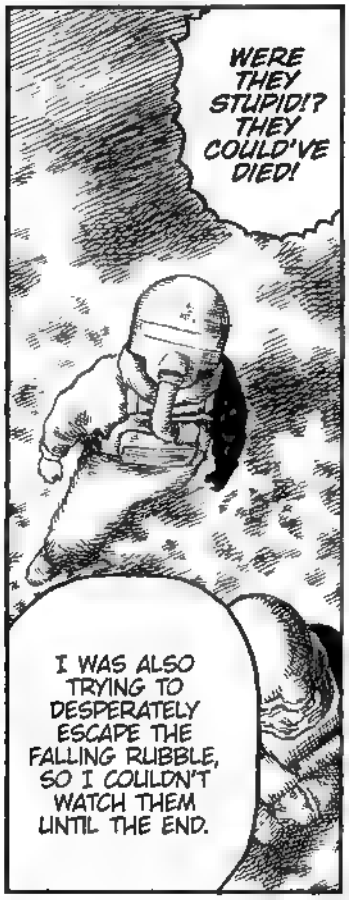
THEY WERE *REALLY* SWIFT!
JUST A MOMENT AFTER THEY DARTED OUT, *WHOOSH!* UP THEY WENT.

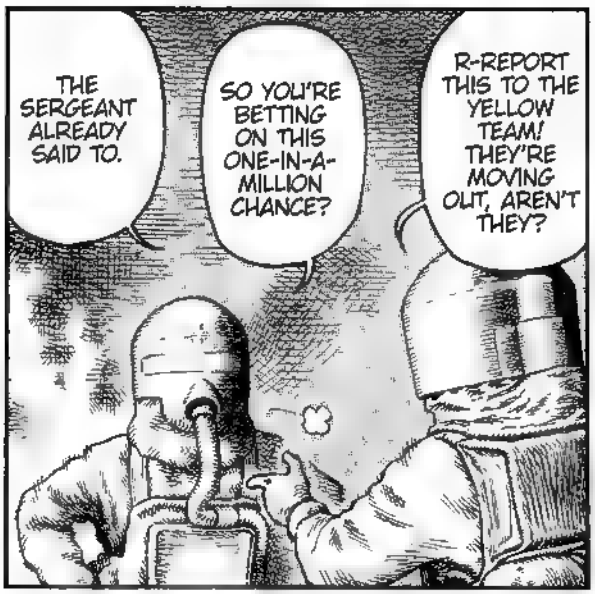

WHILE WE WERE MAKING A FUSS OVER HERE,
THEY USED THAT OPPORTUNITY TO CLIMB UP THE FALLING RUBBLE.


...
RIGHT WHEN THE DRUGGIE BLEW UP THE CEILING!?

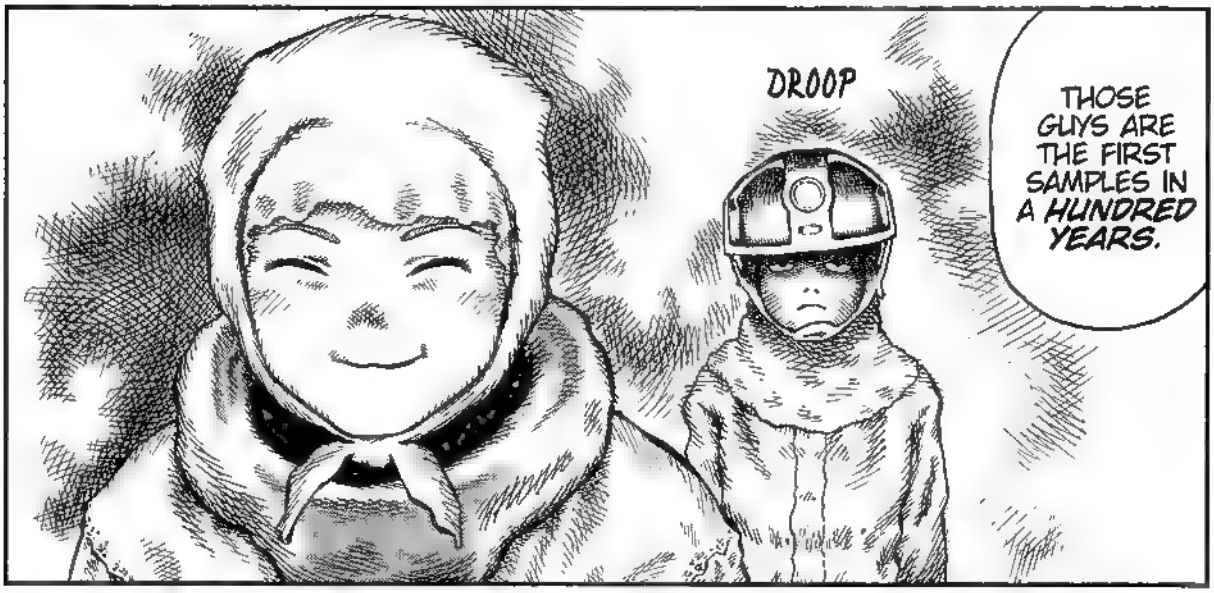
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THE BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND YET.
WHOOOOOSH
IN THE UNLIKELY CASE WHERE THEY MANAGED TO GET OUT, THERE'S STILL A BUNCH ENEMIES ABOVE.


...
WELL... IF THEY FAILED, THEY WOULD BE UNDER ALL OF THIS RIGHT HERE.

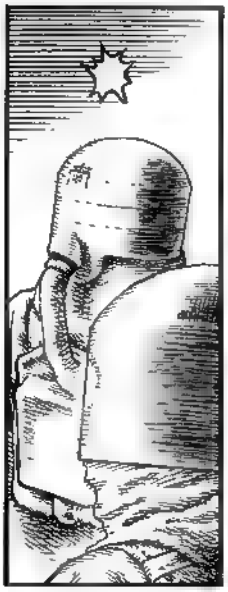

WERE THEY STUPID!? THEY COULD'VE DIED!
I WAS ALSO TRYING TO DESPERATELY ESCAPE THE FALLING RUBBLE, SO I COULDN'T WATCH THEM UNTIL THE END.

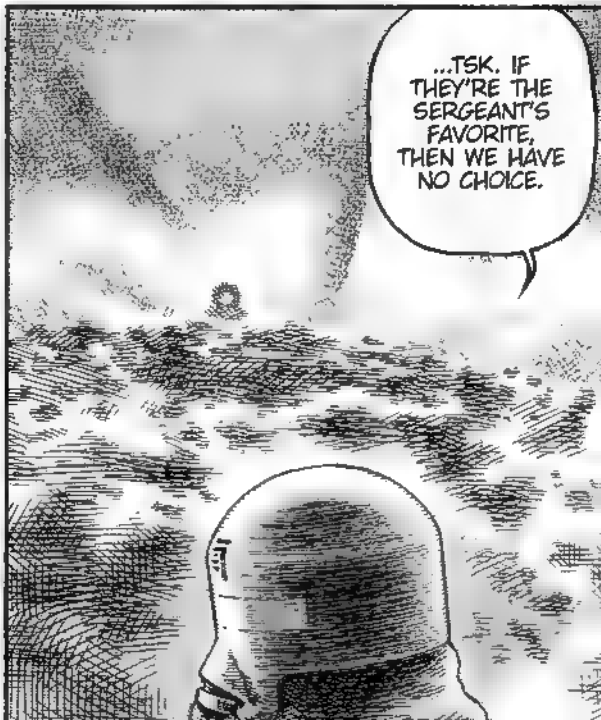

THE SERGEANT ALREADY SAID TO.
SO YOU'RE BETTING ON THIS ONE-IN-A-MILLION CHANCE?
R-REPORT THIS TO THE YELLOW TEAM! THEY'RE MOVING OUT, AREN'T THEY?

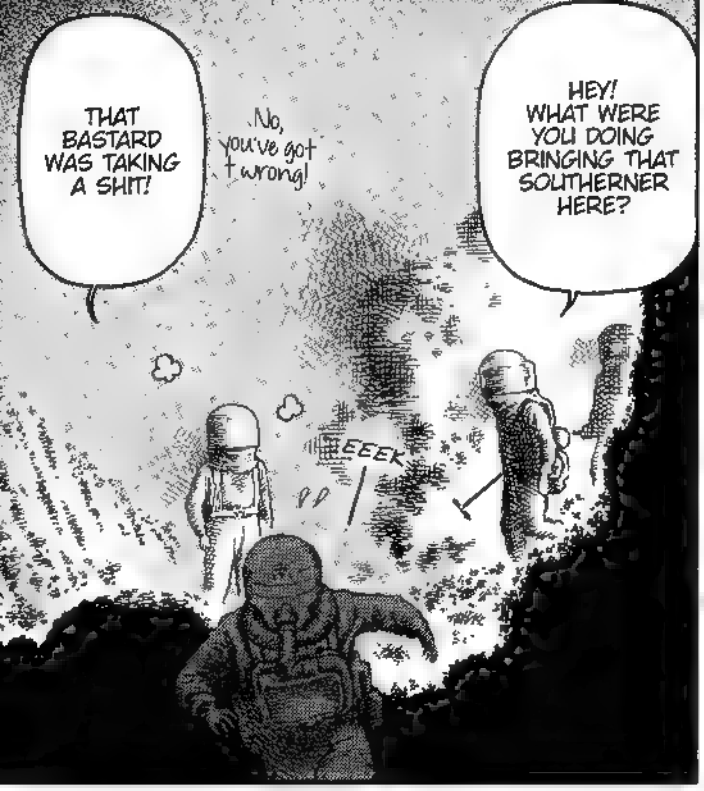
THEY'E REALLY IN HOT WATER THIS TIME AROUND.
THEY SHOULD BE AT THEIR LIMITS, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND IN RESOURCES. THEY'RE ALSO CARRYING ONE INJURED.

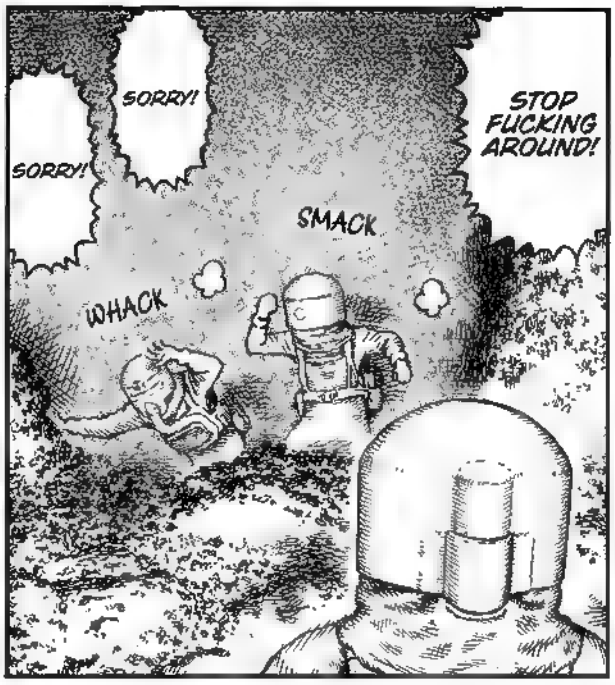

DROOP
THOSE GUYS ARE THE FIRST SAMPLES IN A *HUNDRED YEARS.*

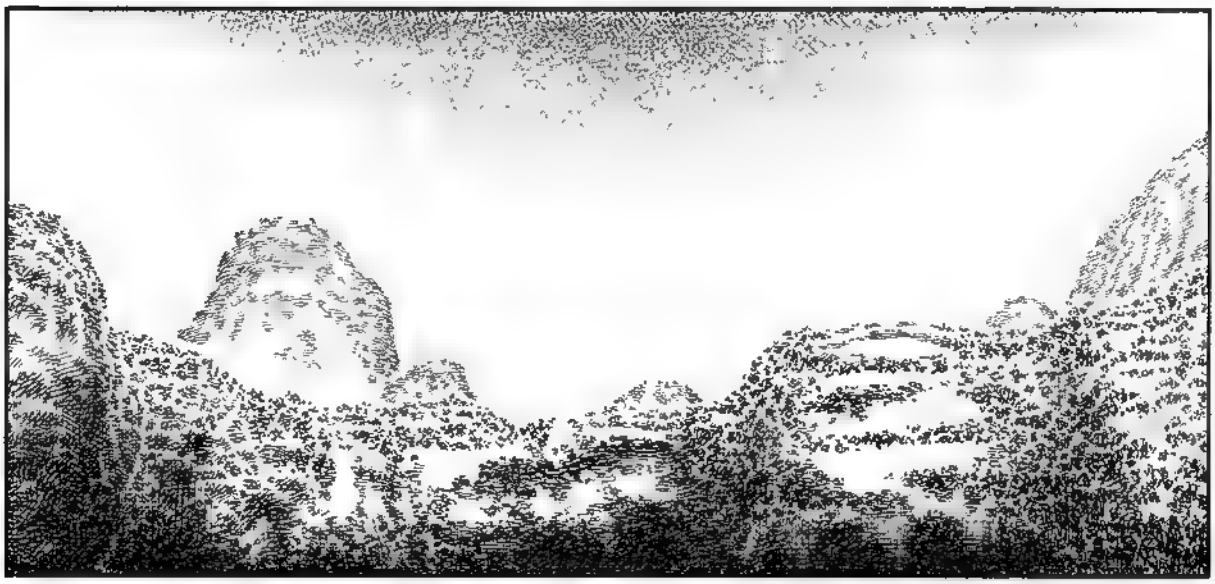
HEY, SHITHEAD!

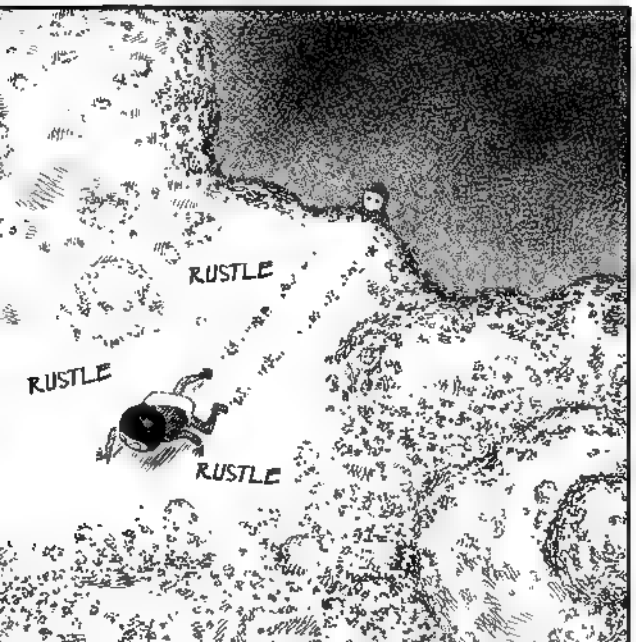



...TSK. IF THEY'RE THE SERGEANT'S FAVORITE, THEN WE HAVE NO CHOICE.


THAT BASTARD WAS TAKING A SHIT!
No, you've got it wrong!
HEY! WHAT WERE YOU DOING BRINGING THAT SOUTHERNER HERE?
EEEK


SORRY!
SORRY!
STOP FUCKING AROUND!
SMACK
WHACK




RUSTLE
RUSTLE
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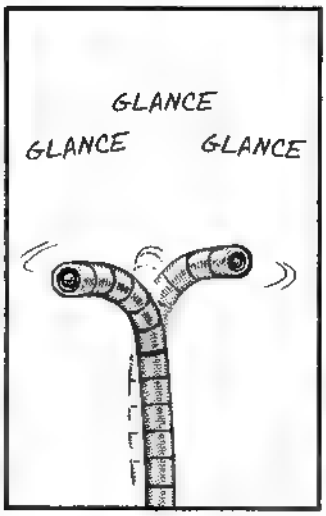
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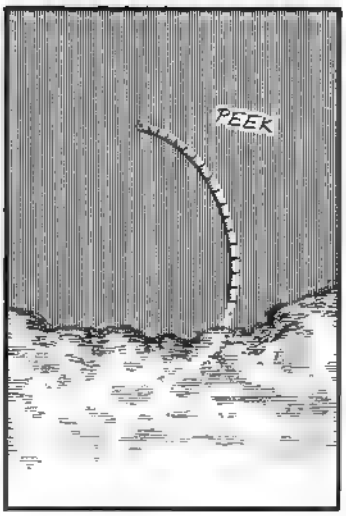
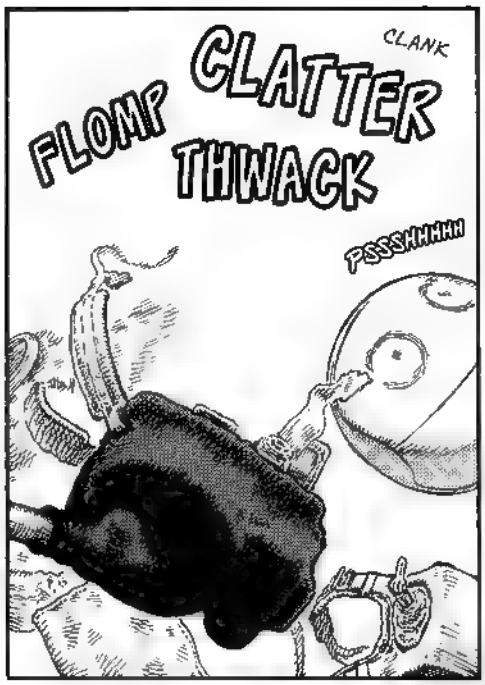
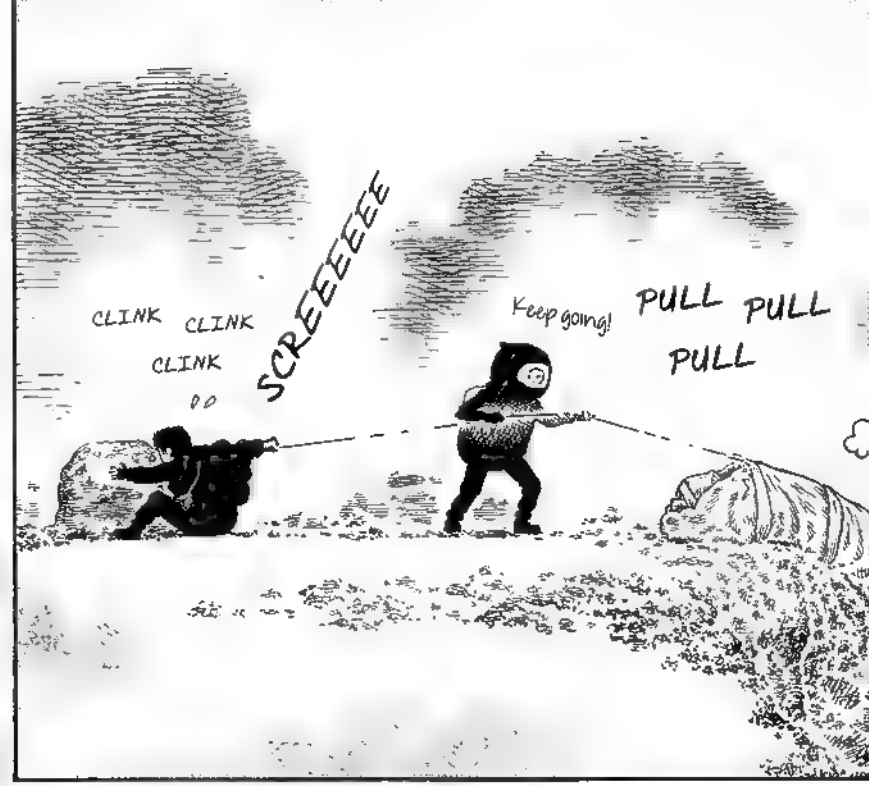
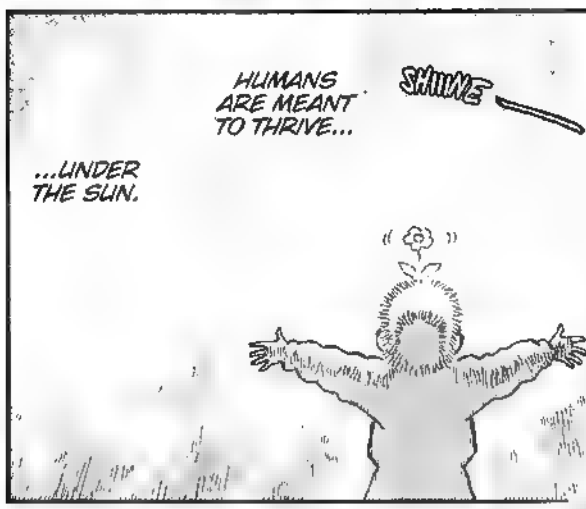
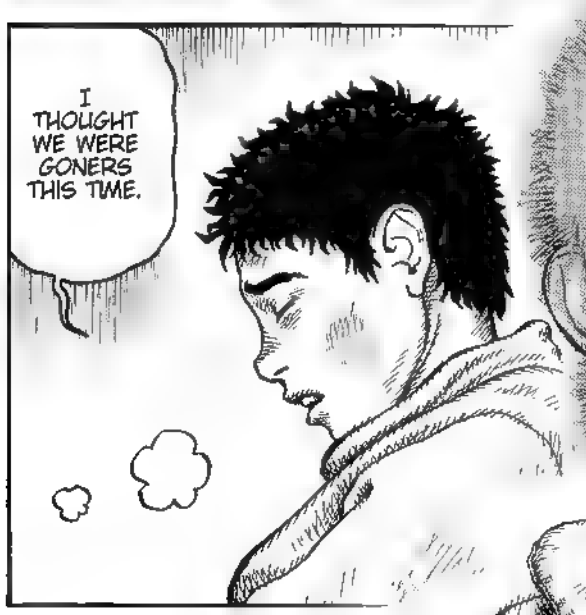
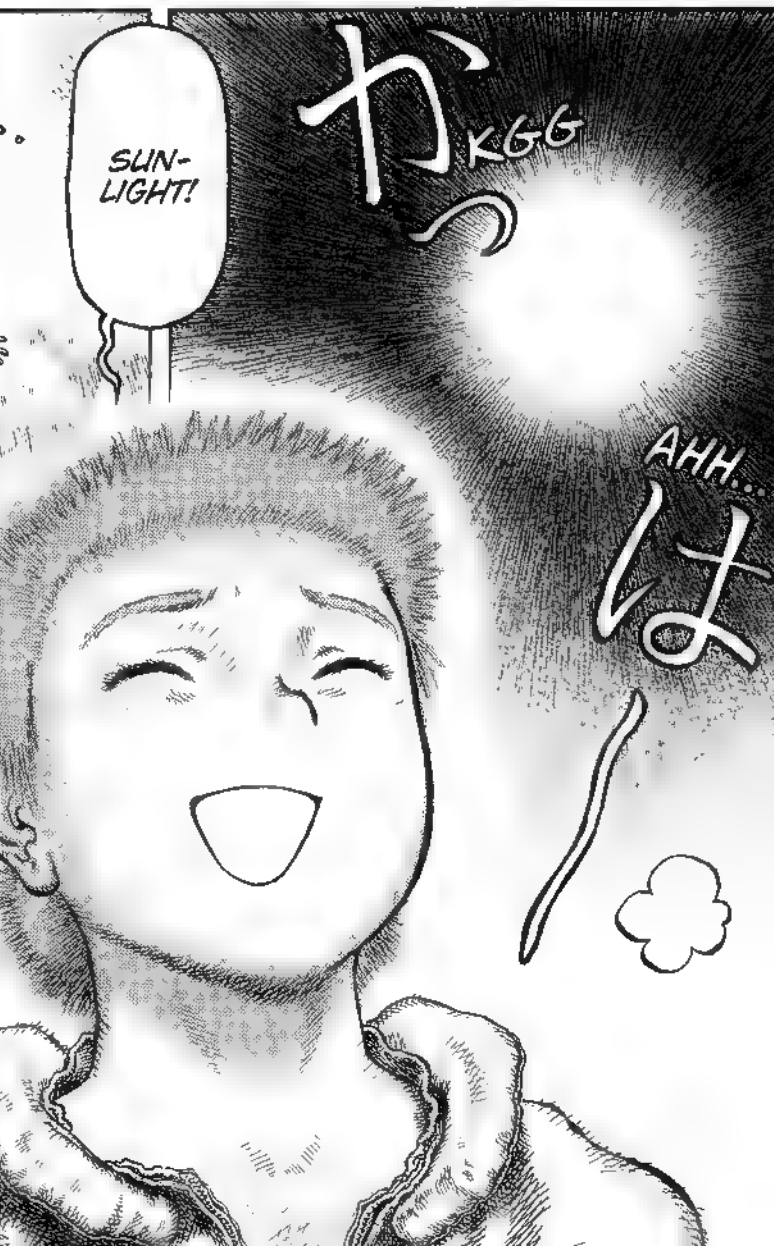

PEEK


CLANK
FLOMP
CLATTER
THWACK
PSSSHHHHH


CLINK CLINK
CLINK
SCREEEEEE
Keep going!
PULL PULL
PULL


HUMANS ARE MEANT TO THRIVE...
SHIIIVE
...UNDER THE SUN.


I THOUGHT WE WERE GONERS THIS TIME.


SUN-LIGHT!
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AHH...
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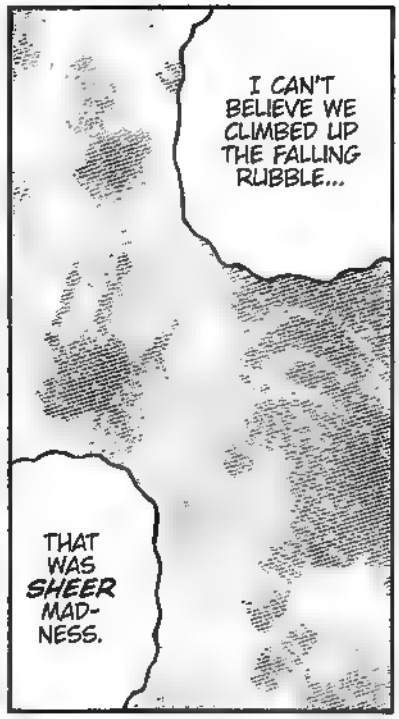
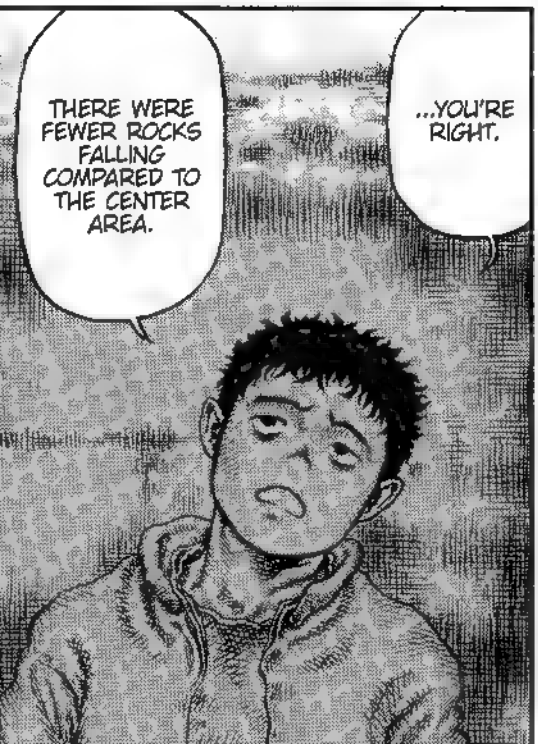
SO WE COULDN'T JUST *STAND* THERE, COULD WE?
SOME IDIOT WENT THROUGH THE TROUBLE TO OPEN THE WAY FOR US...
IF WE TRIED TO CLIMB UP AFTER IT SETTLED, WE WOULD'VE BEEN SHOT.
BUT STILL...


I CAN'T BELIEVE WE CLIMBED UP THE FALLING RUBBLE...
THAT WAS *SHEER* MAD-NESS.

THEY DID SAY AN EXPERT IS CAPABLE OF *ONLY* DROP-PING THE PART OF THE CEILING ABOVE US...
BLASTING TUNNELS IS ALSO THE JOB OF A HUNTER.
You know, that guy we beat to a pulp and then kicked down the chasm.
THE ONE WHO SET OFF THE EXPLOSIVES WAS *THAT* HUNTER, WASN'T IT?

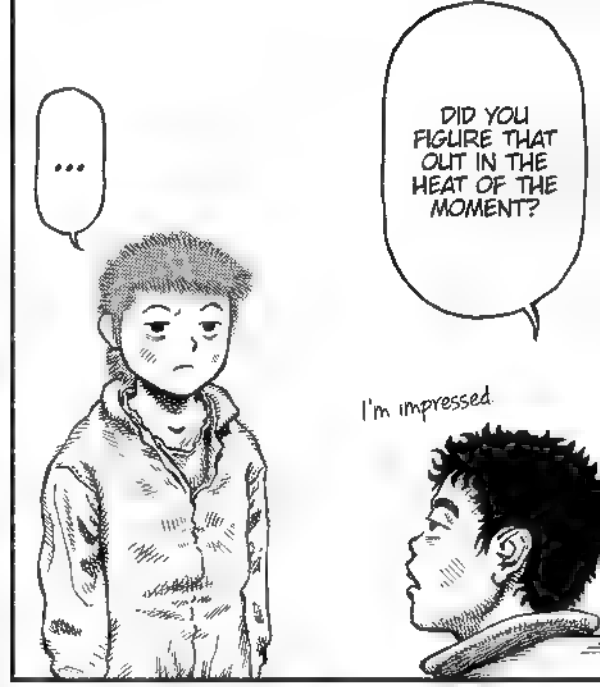

THERE WERE FEWER ROCKS FALLING COMPARED TO THE CENTER AREA.
...YOU'RE RIGHT.

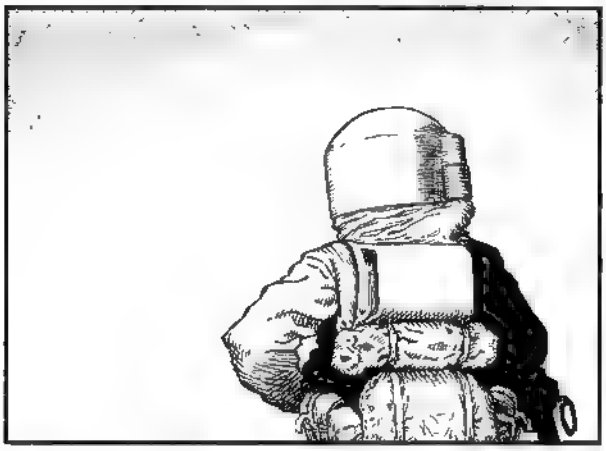
WE'RE STILL ALIVE, SO WHO CARES.
WE STILL DID GET HIT BY A PRETTY HUGE PIECE.
Shut up

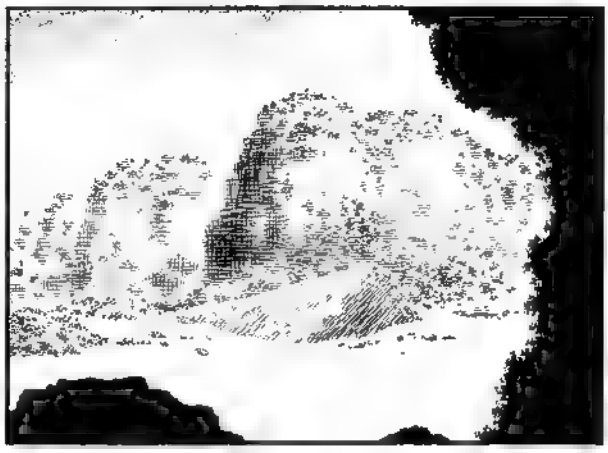
SO I THOUGHT WE COULD JUST STICK CLOSE TO THE WALL IN ORDER TO ESCAPE.
WHEW..

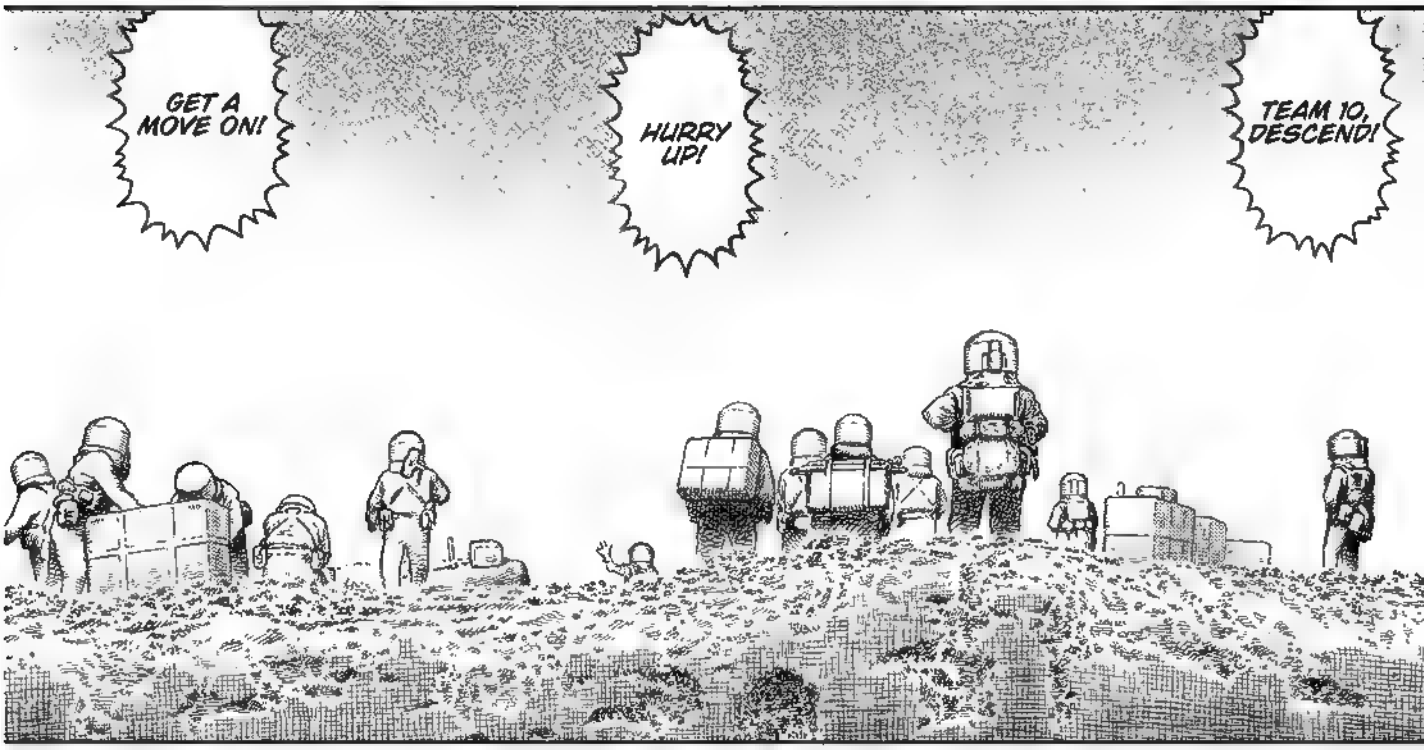
SHUDDER
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WAS THAT REALLY THE CASE?
It was just the usual hit-or-miss.
I knew it!

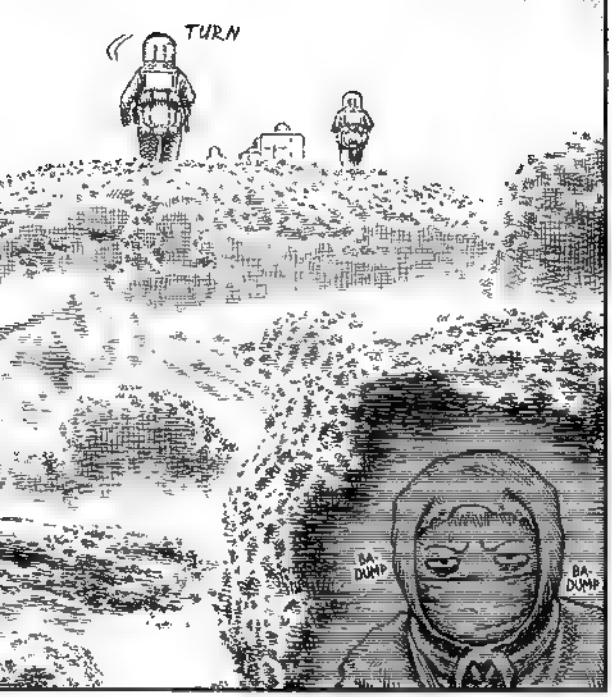
SWEAT...
I DUNNO.

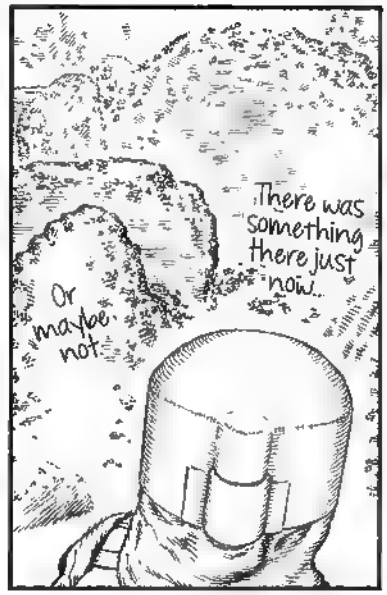

...
DID YOU FIGURE THAT OUT IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT?
I'm impressed.



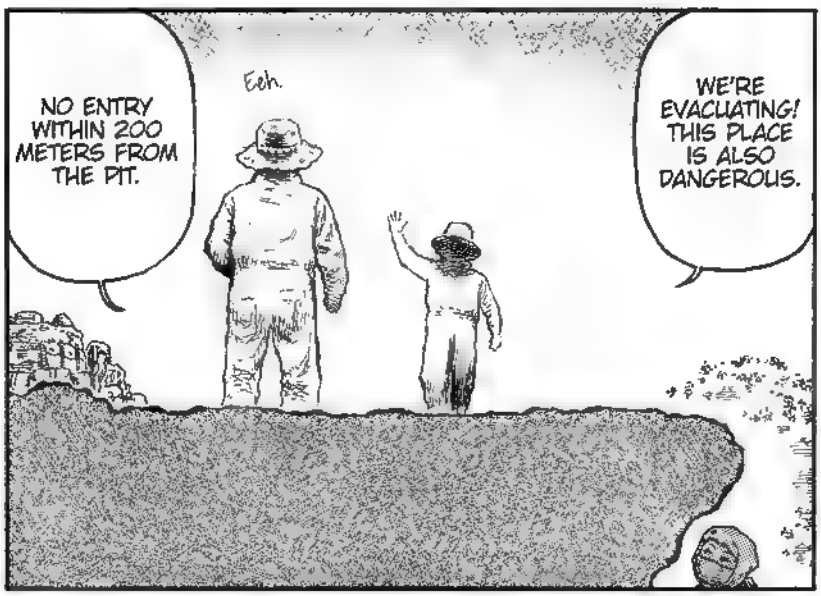


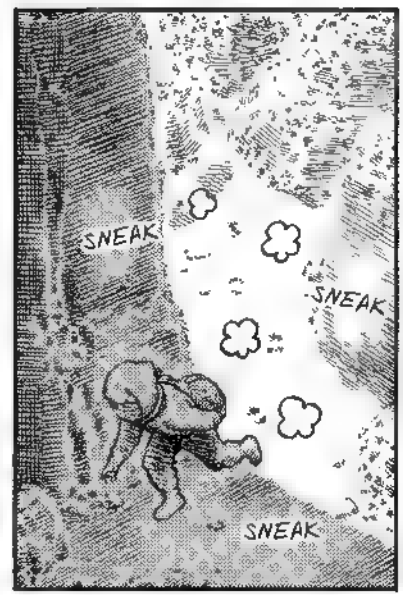

GET A MOVE ON!
HURRY UP!
TEAM 10, DESCEND!


TURN
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP


There was something there just now..
Or maybe not.

HM!?
TURN


NO ENTRY WITHIN 200 METERS FROM THE PIT.
Eeh.
WE'RE EVACUATING! THIS PLACE IS ALSO DANGEROUS.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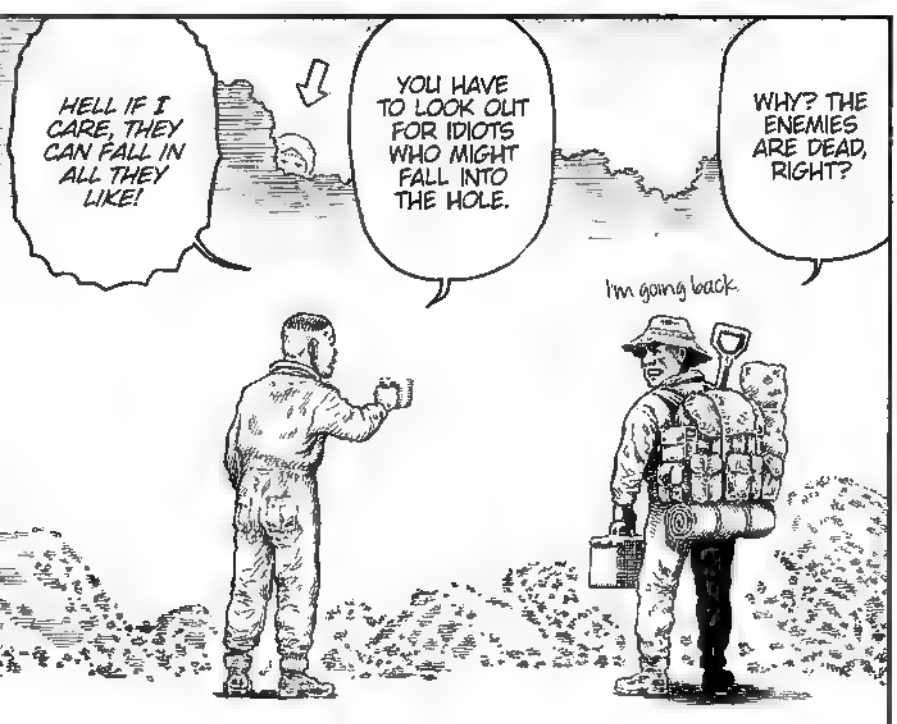
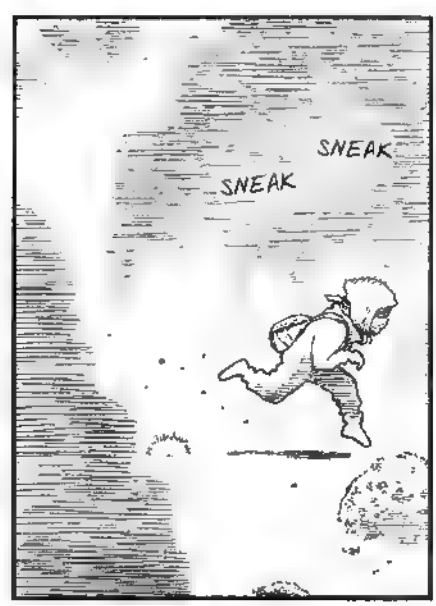

HELL IF I CARE, THEY CAN FALL IN ALL THEY LIKE!
YOU HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR IDIOTS WHO MIGHT FALL INTO THE HOLE.
WHY? THE ENEMIES ARE DEAD, RIGHT?
I'm going back.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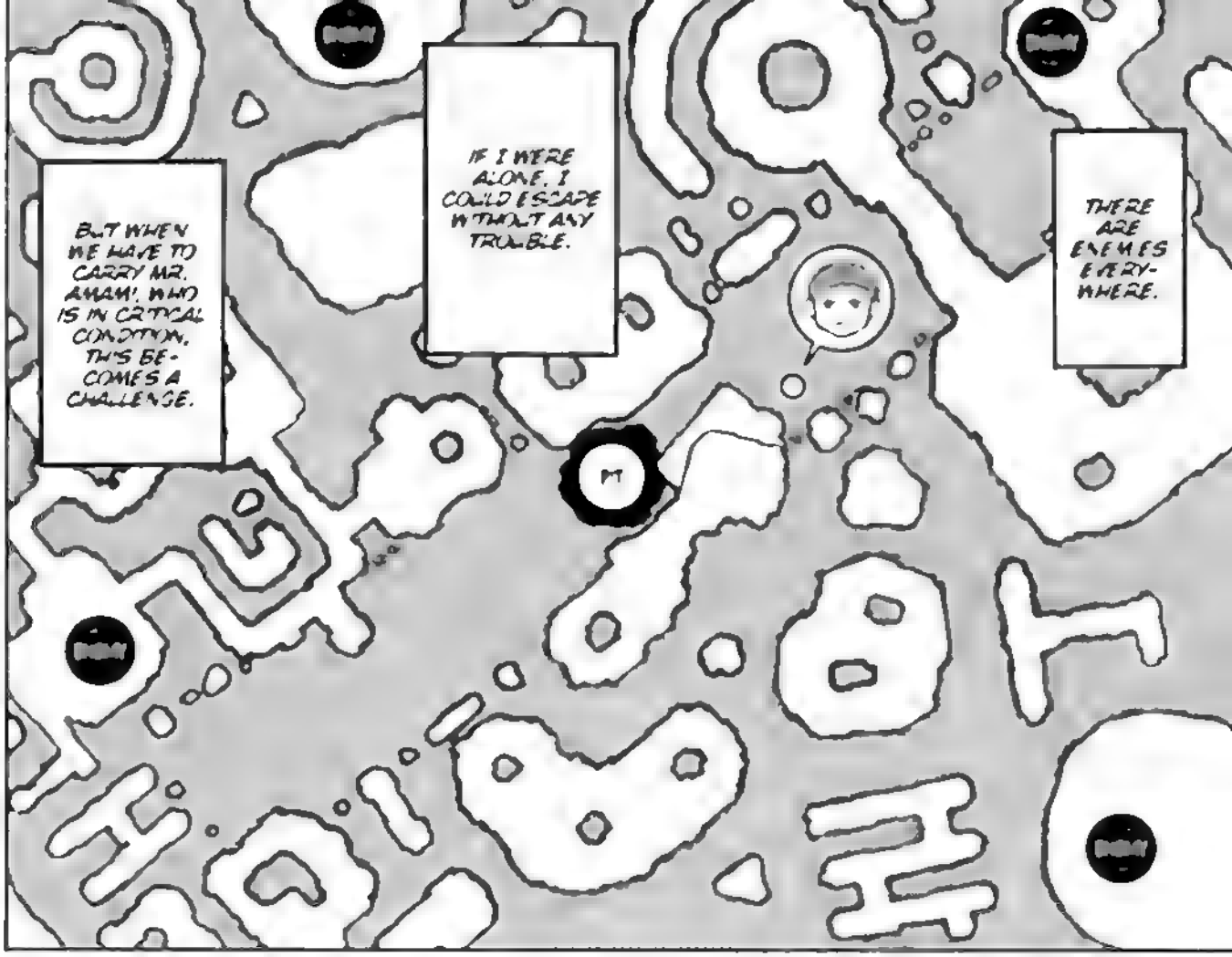
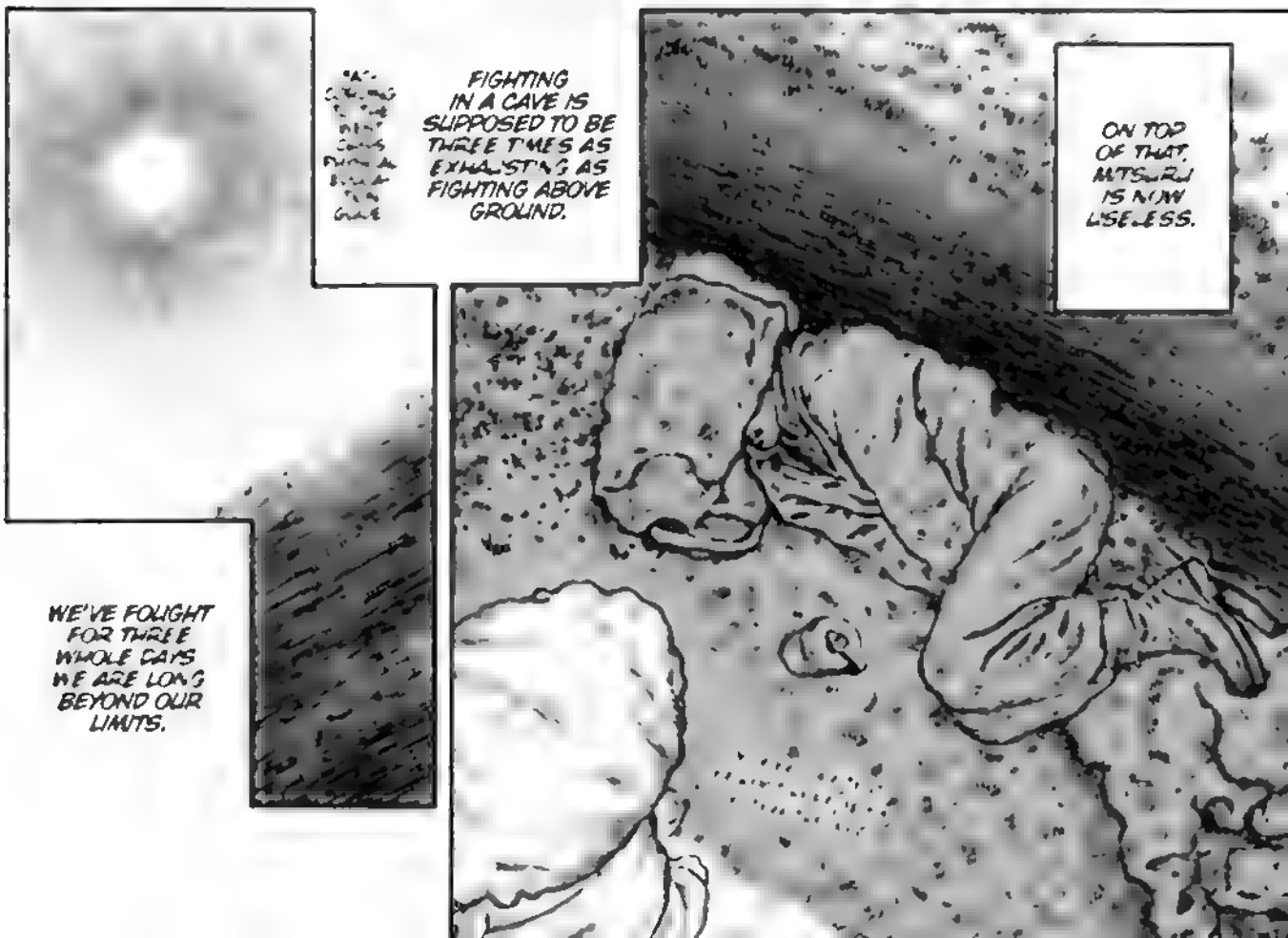
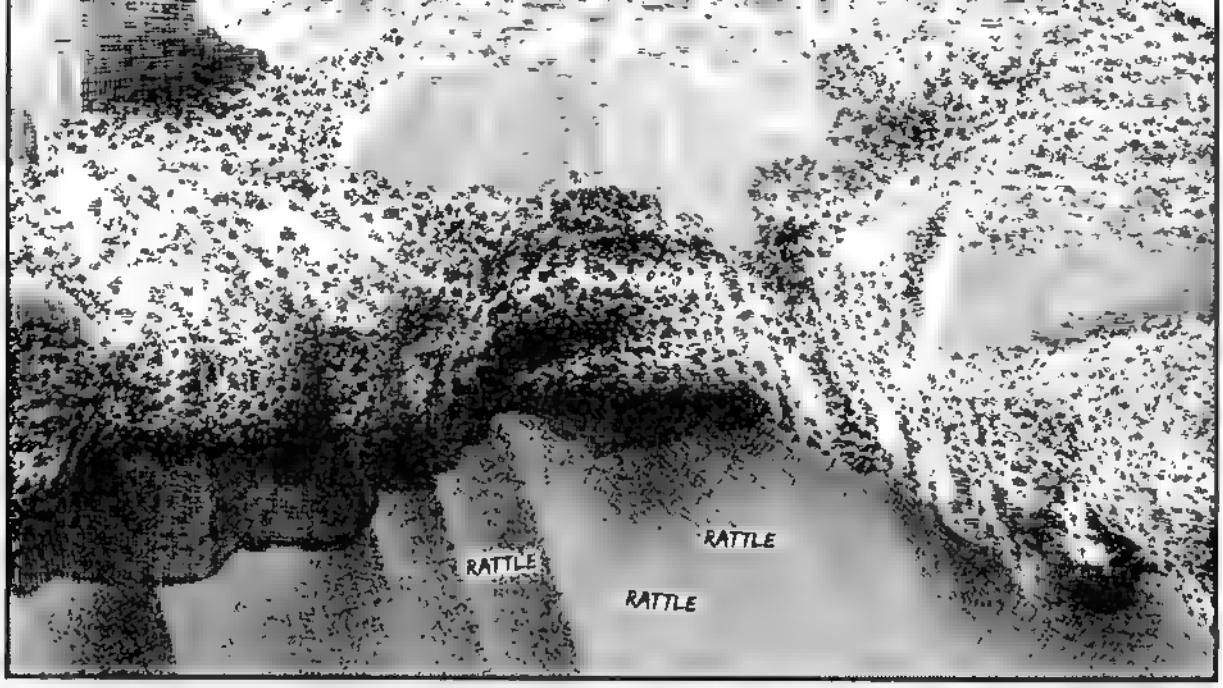

BUT WHEN WE HAVE TO CARRY MR. AHAM!, WHO IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION, THIS BECOMES A CHALLENGE.
IF I WERE ALONE, I COULD ESCAPE WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE.
THERE ARE ENEMIES EVERYWHERE.


FIGHTING IN A CAVE IS SUPPOSED TO BE THREE TIMES AS EXHAUSTING AS FIGHTING ABOVE GROUND.
ON TOP OF THAT, MITSURU IS NOW USELESS.
WE'VE FOUGHT FOR THREE WHOLE DAYS. WE ARE LONG BEYOND OUR LIMITS.

BUT WE STILL CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE IT EASY.
We still have ways to go!
Stay awake!
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
FORTUNATELY, THE ENEMIES THINK WE ARE DEAD AND ARE LETTING THEIR GUARD DOWN.
HE'S COMPLETELY DOWN AND OUT.
AH
SNORE
MITSURU THEN WENT EVEN FARTHER AND USED ALL THE STRENGTH HE HAD AS TARO.
DROOP
THERE STILL WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH FOR HALF A DAY.
EVEN IF WE WERE TO USE ALL THE REMAINING OXYGEN AND BATTERY INTENDED FOR MR. AMAMI,
I GOTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.
SOOO HOT...
SSSSSSSSSSSSTTT...
WHEW...


RATTLE
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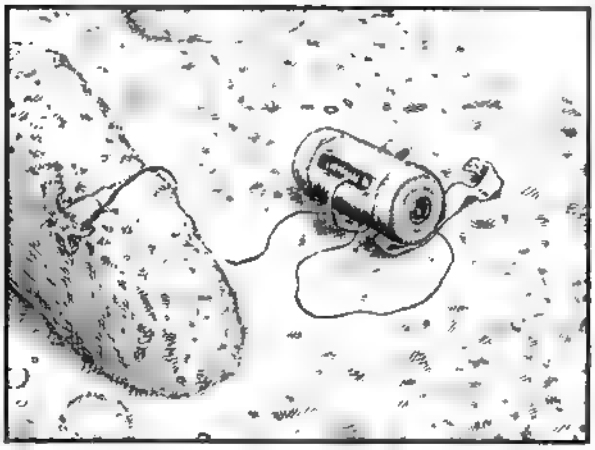
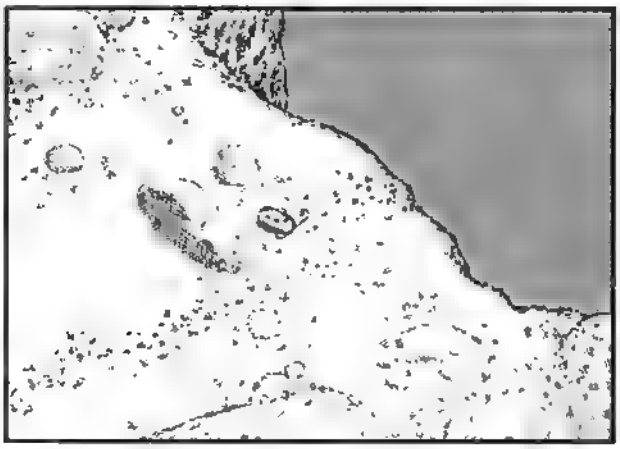
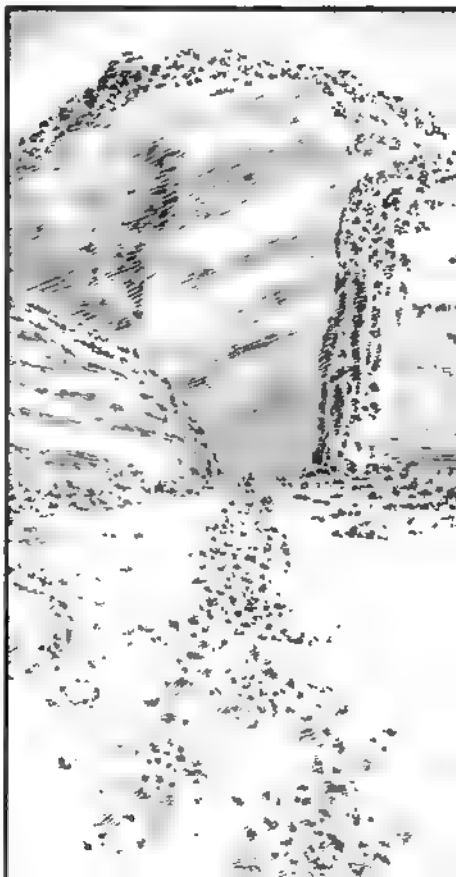
RATTLE





LILIHG..
PSSHHH

LILILIG.

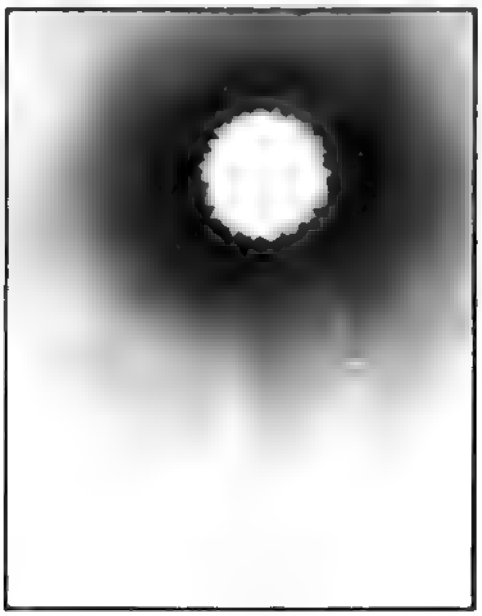


DROOP
AAAHHHH

DROP

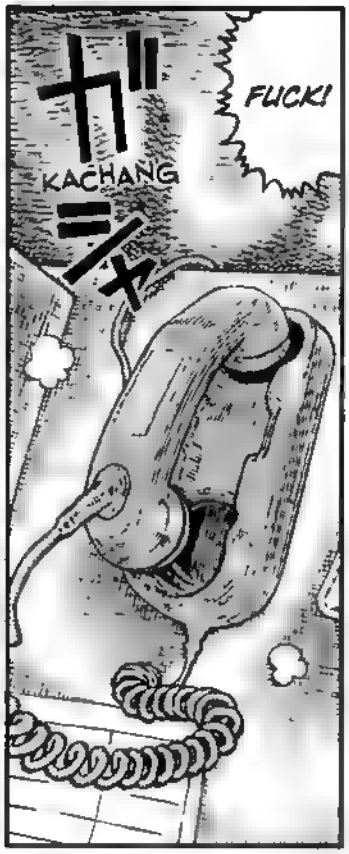
[MOR]PHINE"

HEAVEN
500
CAMP A
LIKE I SAID WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE AMMO!



WE STILL HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH OF WOUNDED DOWN THERE!
HQ!?
THERE'S NO ENEMY ANYWHERE!
What about the enemy?
THAT SHOULD TAKE PRIORITY!
FUCKING WIMPS!
THAT'S BECAUSE WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE ENEMIES' BODIES.
FUCK! THOSE BASTARDS AT HQ DON'T GET IT AT ALL!

WELL, WE'RE STILL IN COMBAT DEPLOYMENT, AFTER ALL.
AND I'LL STILL TELL THEM TO COME HERE THEMSELVES.


FUCK!
KACHANG

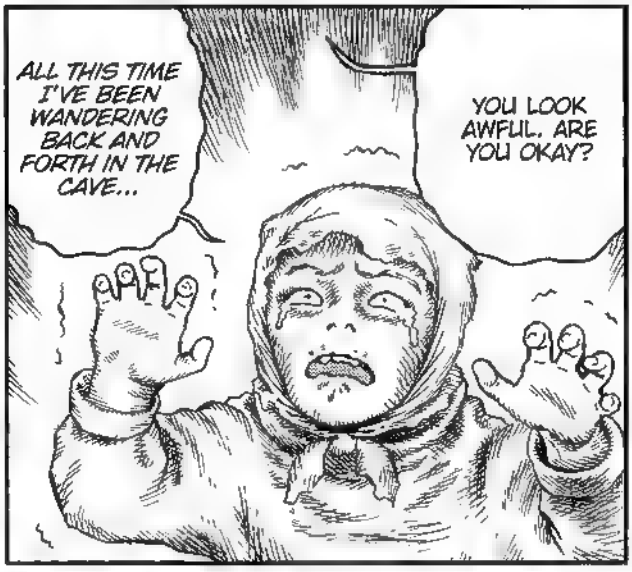
...!?
THEY AREN'T GONNA COME OUT FROM THEIR AIR-CONDITIONED ROOM.
TWITCH

WAH!?
IT STINKS!

ARE YOU A GRUNT? I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU.
I HAVEN'T SLEPT FOR THREE DAYS.
CSSE 14
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
UWAH
WH-WHAT'S THIS?...
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

OKAY OKAY.
Get away from me!
BAAACK AND FORTHHH...
BACK AND FORTH.
OOOOH
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

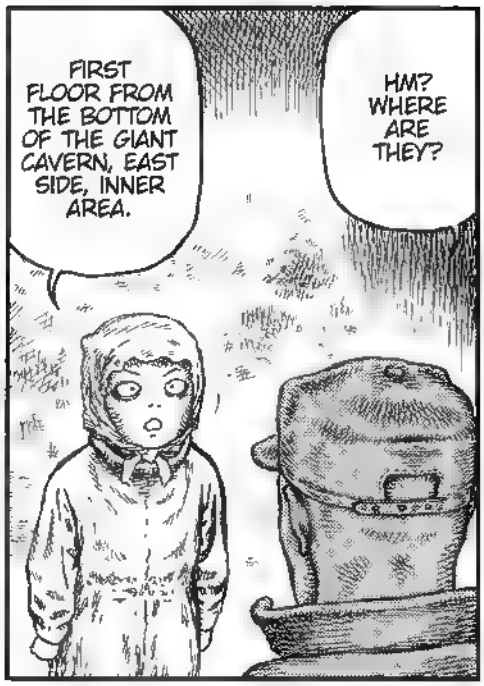

ALL THIS TIME I'VE BEEN WANDERING BACK AND FORTH IN THE CAVE...
YOU LOOK AWFUL. ARE YOU OKAY?

THEY'VE RUN OUT OF MEDICINE AND OXYGEN.
WE HAVE TWO INCAPACITATED AND HEAVILY WOUNDED SOLDIERS.
WE'VE GOT TO HURRY AND SAVE THEM.
CSSE 14

NO ONE LISTENED TO WHAT I SAID.
NO ONE CAME FOR ME.
EVERYONE JUST HEADED TOWARDS THE GIANT CAVERN.

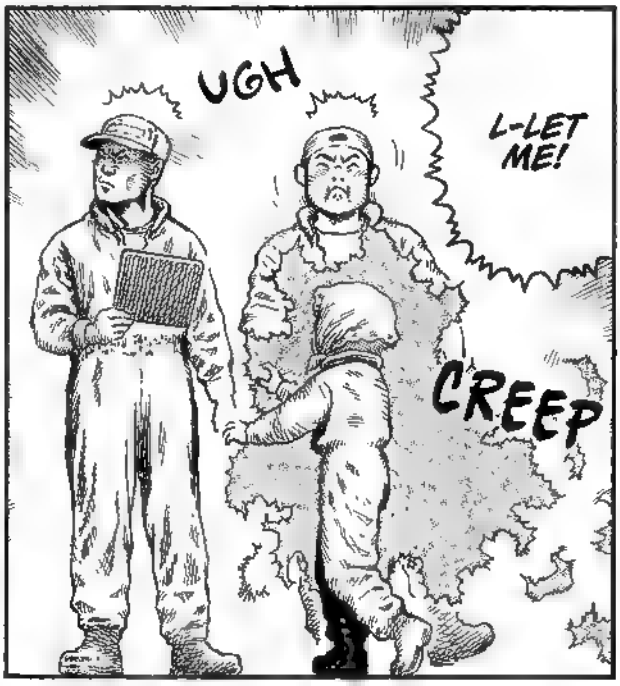
COULD IT BE TWO OF THE FOUR WHO WENT MISSING?
SWEAT
CSSE14

I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
...
FLICK

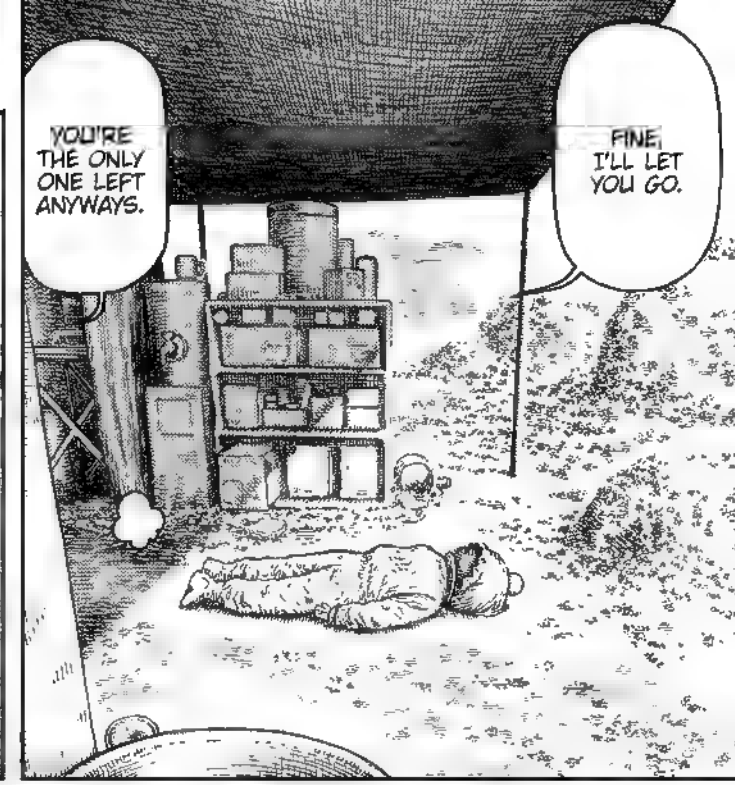

FIRST FLOOR FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE GIANT CAVERN, EAST SIDE, INNER AREA.
HM? WHERE ARE THEY?

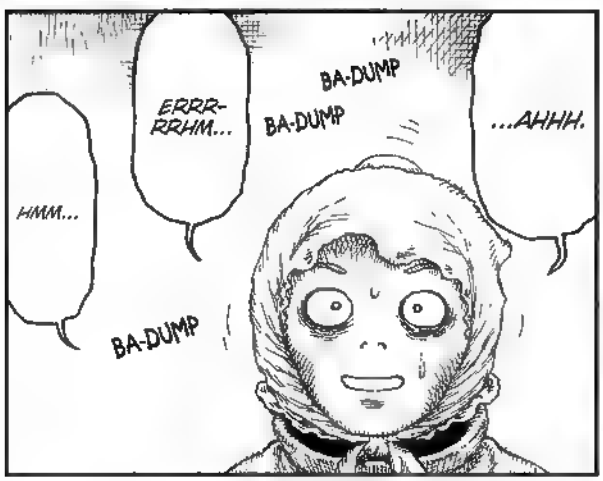
ALL OF THEM HAVE ALREADY GONE DOWN THERE, SO THEY WON'T BE COMING BACK UP FOR SOME TIME.
...I GUESS NOT.
DO WE HAVE ANY SPARE MEN?...
WHAT ON EARTH ARE THOSE GUYS DOING DOWN THERE? SHIT!

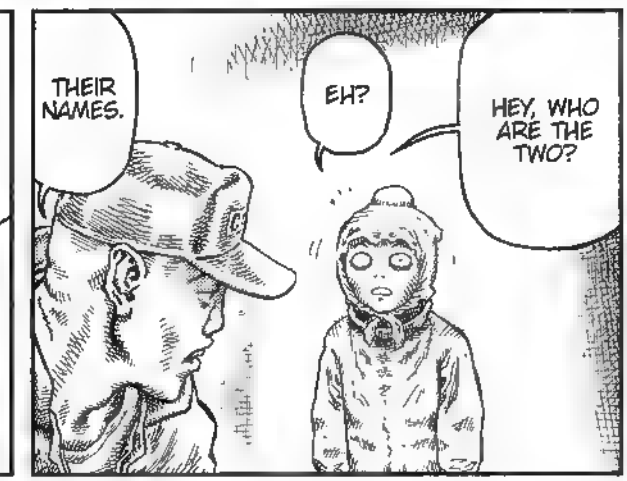
WE'VE GOT TO HURRY!
I'LL CARRY THOSE TO THEM!
PLEASE GIVE ME SOME OXYGEN AND MEDICINE!
CREEP
CREEP
CREEP
UEGH!

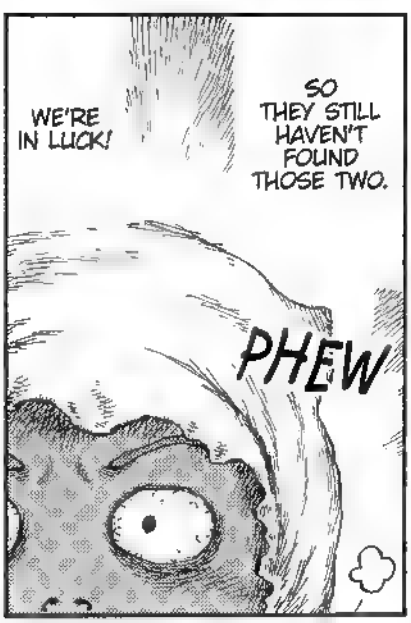

UGH
L-LET ME!
CREEP

IN ANY CASE, WE'LL LEAVE FIRST AID TO YOU UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.
You stink, so don't come in!
I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH THE GUYS BELOW. IF WE'RE LUCKY, WE MIGHT FIND SOMEONE WITH THEIR HANDS FREE.
ALSO, THE SIGN! THE COLOR NOT IN USE RIGHT NOW IS...


YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT ANYWAYS.
FINE, I'LL LET YOU GO.

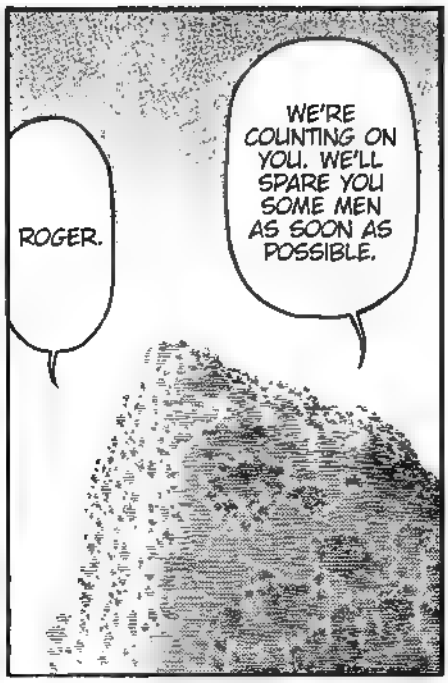

HMM...
ERRR-RRHM...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
...AHHH.
BA-DUMP

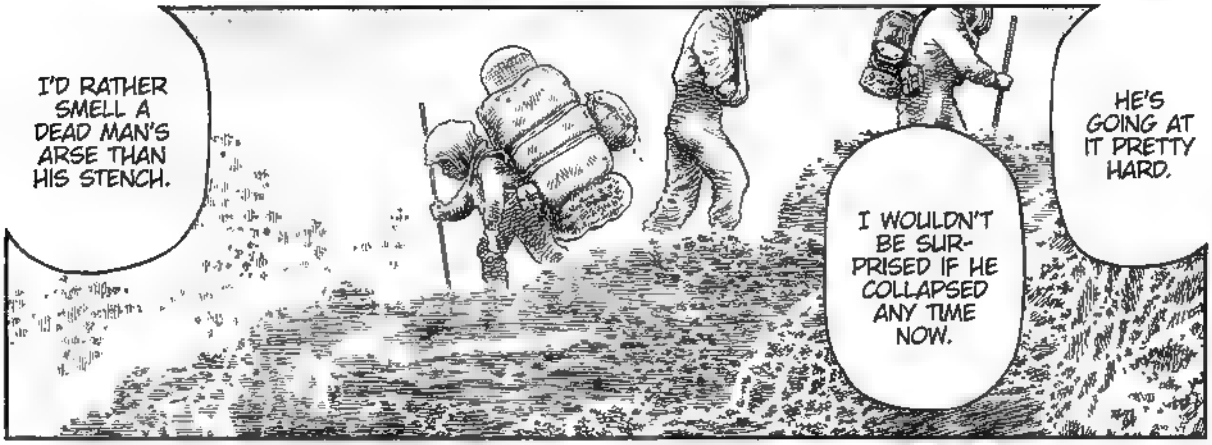

THEIR NAMES.
EH?
HEY, WHO ARE THE TWO?


WE'RE IN LUCK!
SO THEY STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THOSE TWO.
PHEW

TH-THAT'S IT! IT'S THOSE TWO!
AH RIGHT, THEY WENT MISSING RIGHT AFTER REPORTING AN ENEMY SIGHTING.
WOULDN'T THEY BE NAMIHARA AND UOZUMI?
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE FIRST FLOOR IN THE GIANT CAVERN,

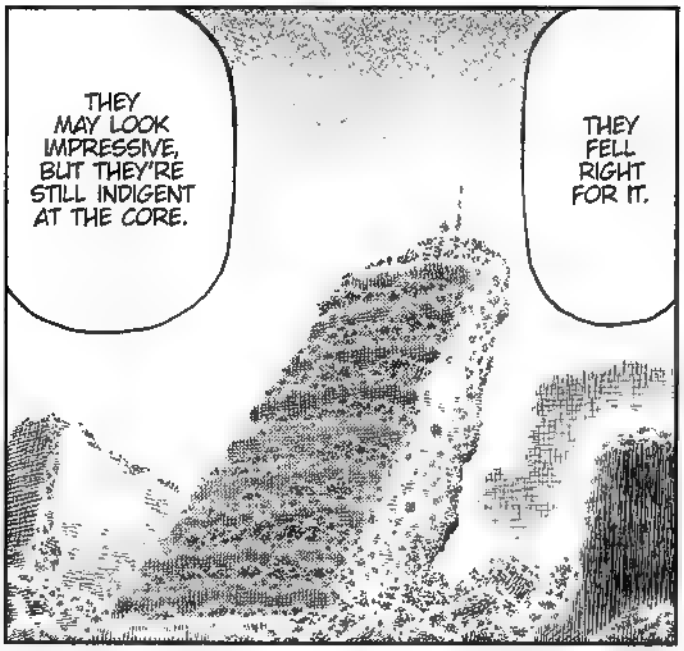
WHAT DOES HE NEED THE CAMOUFLAGE SHEET FOR?
WHO KNOWS? HE SAID HE WANTED IT SO I GAVE HIM ONE.
SHUFFLE
TREK
TREK
THAT'S QUITE A LOT HE'S CARRYING.


ROGER.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU. WE'LL SPARE YOU SOME MEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

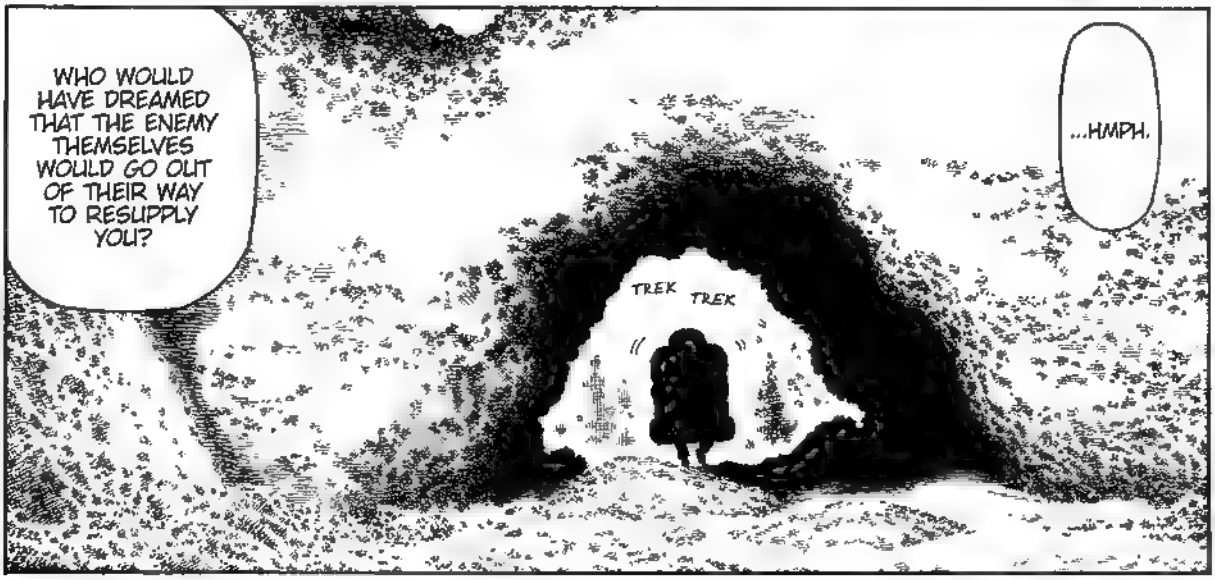

I'D RATHER SMELL A DEAD MAN'S ARSE THAN HIS STENCH.
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF HE COLLAPSED ANY TIME NOW.
HE'S GOING AT IT PRETTY HARD.

FWIP
HE'S GOT A LOT OF GUTS FOR A GRUNT.

...WHILE PUSHING YOUR MIND AND BODY BEYOND YOUR LIMITS.
THAT'S THE SMELL YOU GET WHEN YOU CRAWL AROUND UNDERGROUND FOR DAYS...
PEEK


THEY MAY LOOK IMPRESSIVE, BUT THEY'RE STILL INDIGENT AT THE CORE.
THEY FELL RIGHT FOR IT.

WHAT A BUNCH OF FOOLS.
HEH HEH HEH.


WHO WOULD HAVE DREAMED THAT THE ENEMY THEMSELVES WOULD GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO RESUPPLY YOU?
...HMPH.
TREK TREK

I frighten myself!
SERIOUSLY, I'M SO AWESOME!

A CALM AND COLLECTED DISPLAY OF ACTING PERFECTION, THOROUGHLY CALCULATED...
A BOLD AND DARING STRATEGY, FEARLESSLY EXECUTED...

GAAH...
...NNGAH
GRROWWWL
BADA
THWOMP
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LLIGH...
LLIGH...
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WHOOOSH
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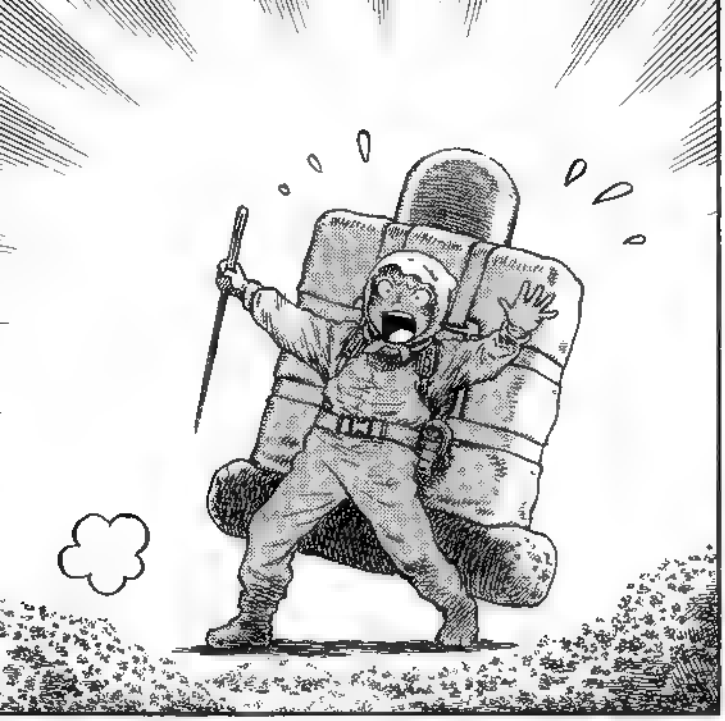
GA
YOU SHITTY BRAT!



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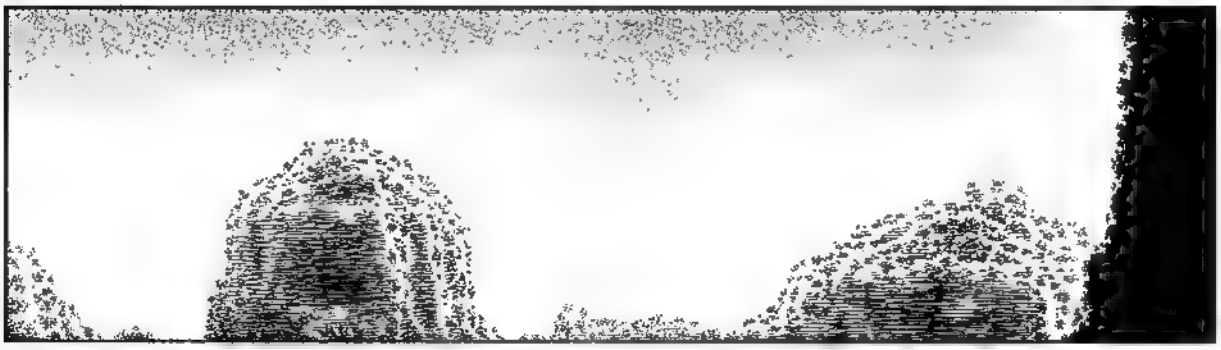
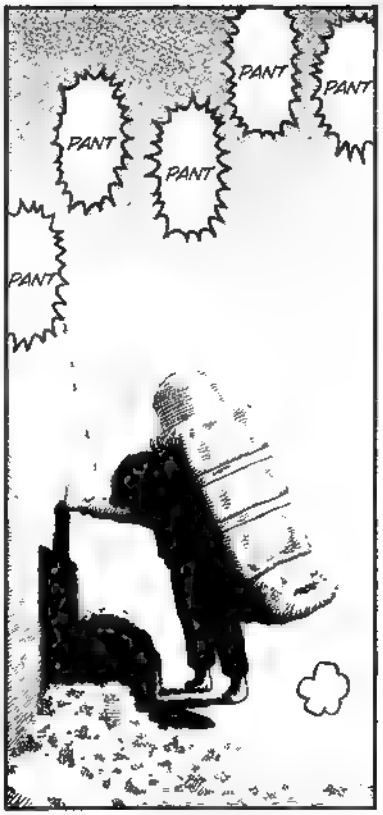


SO LAME!

I GOT COCKY!
I LET MY GUARD DOWN!
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
AND I DOZED OFF!!

I GOT COCKY!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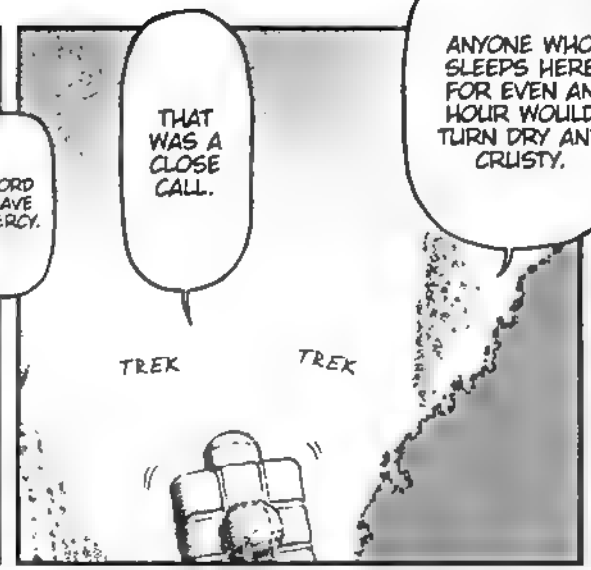
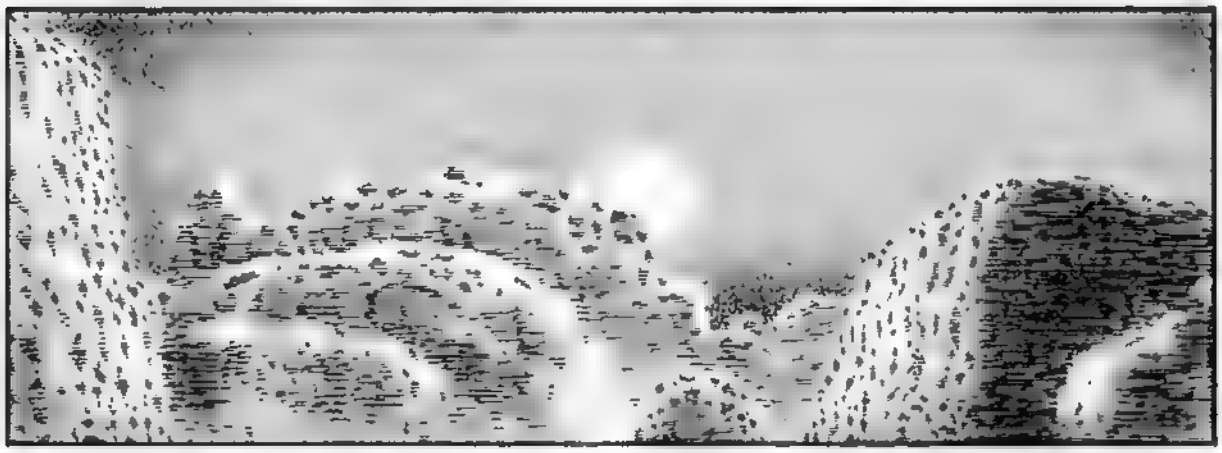
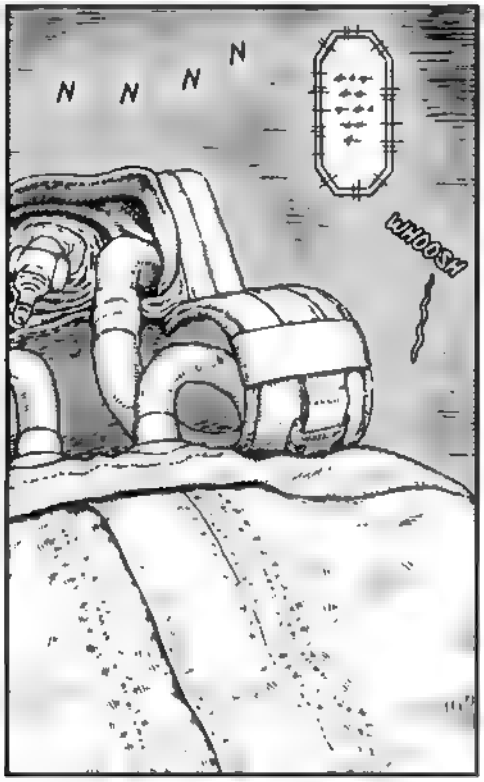
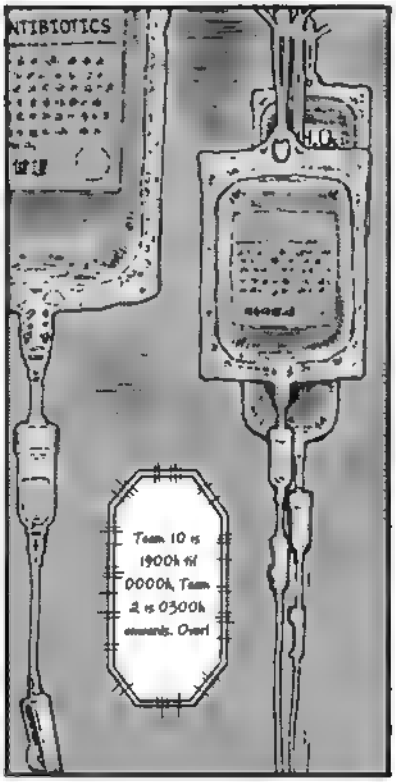
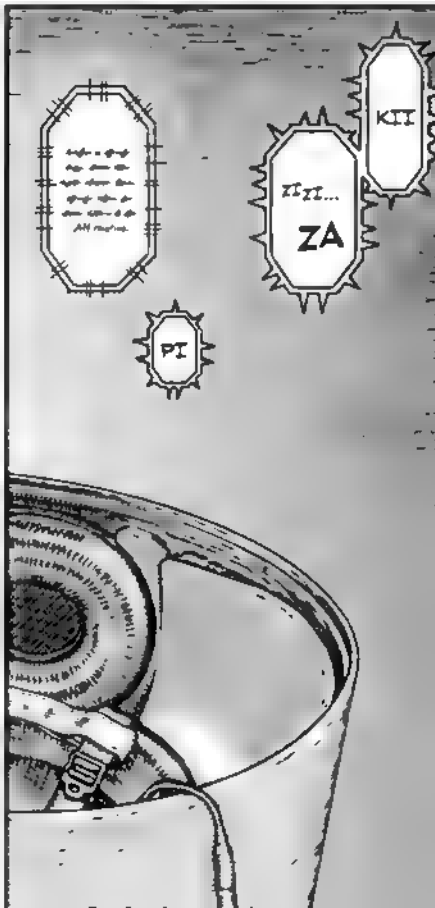


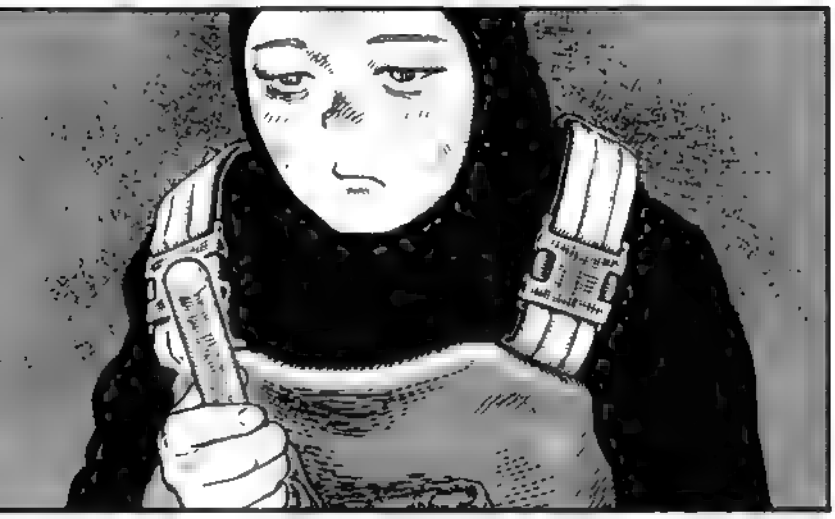
LITERALLY: "NAHMAIDAA" - A CHANTED BUDDHIST PRAYER











LABEL: STIMULANTS

I'll bring it along with me anyways
SLIP

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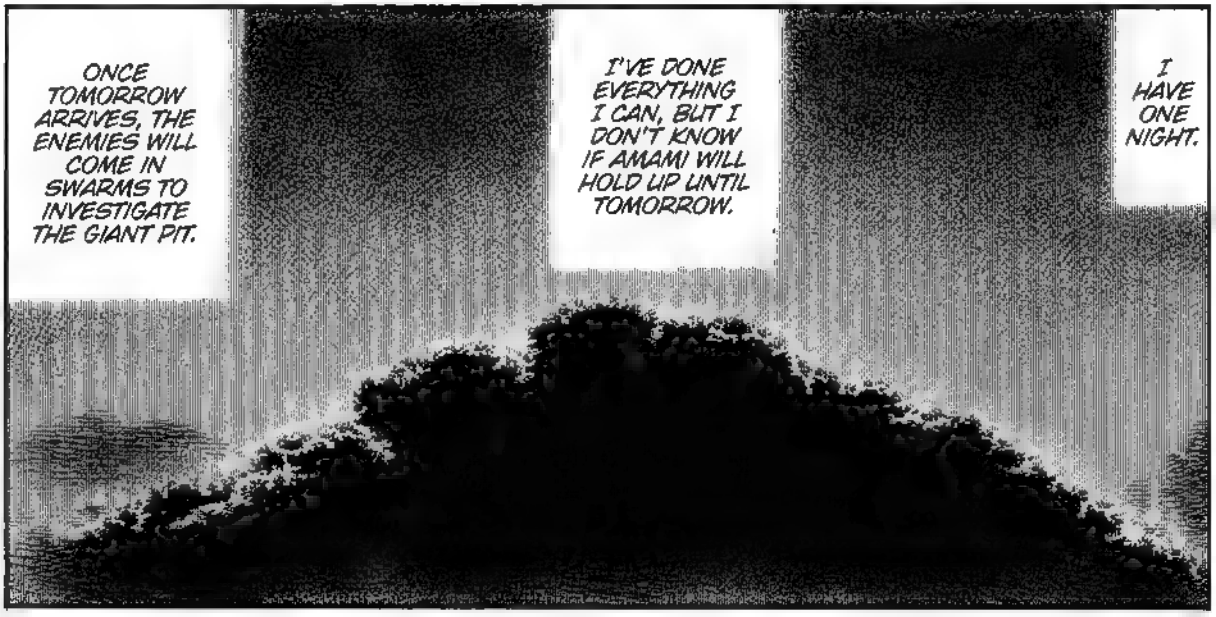
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT I NEED THE MOST RIGHT NOW.
THIS HERE WOULD BE SOOO CONVE-NIENT.

CHA

KA


ONCE TOMORROW ARRIVES, THE ENEMIES WILL COME IN SWARMS TO INVESTIGATE THE GIANT PIT.
I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF AMAMI WILL HOLD UP UNTIL TOMORROW.
I HAVE ONE NIGHT.

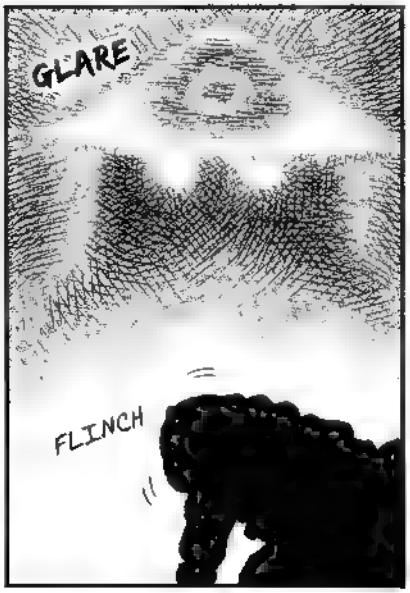
SNEAK

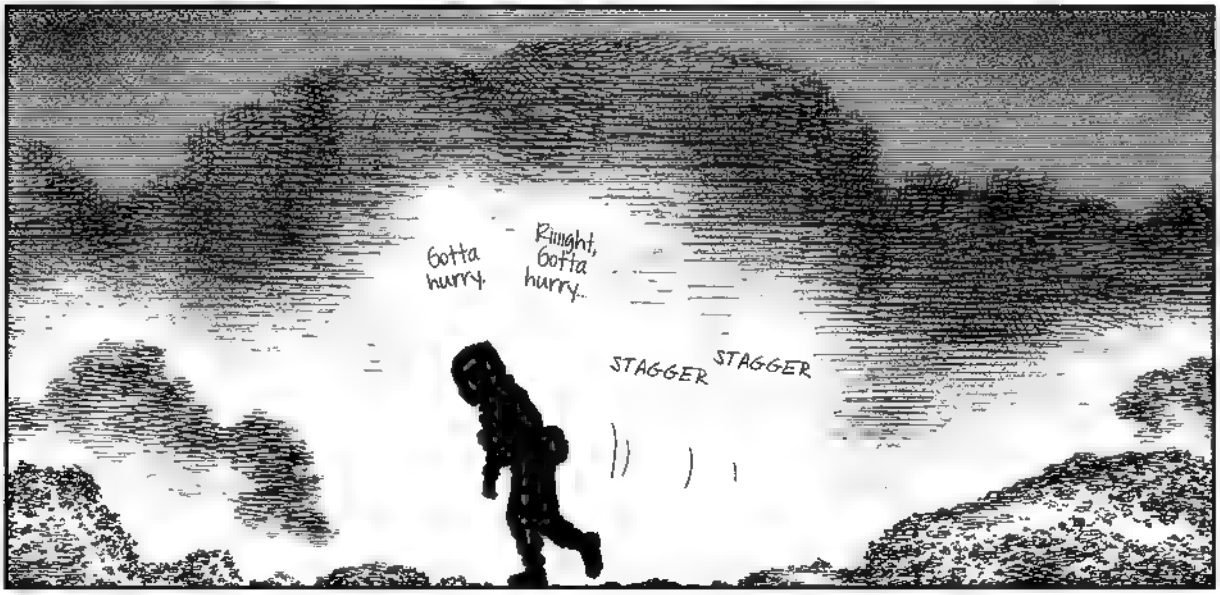
FLOP

WOBBLE
WOBBLE

TRIP

TWITCH
STAND


GLARE
FLINCH


Gotta hurry.
Riiight, Gotta hurry...
STAGGER
STAGGER

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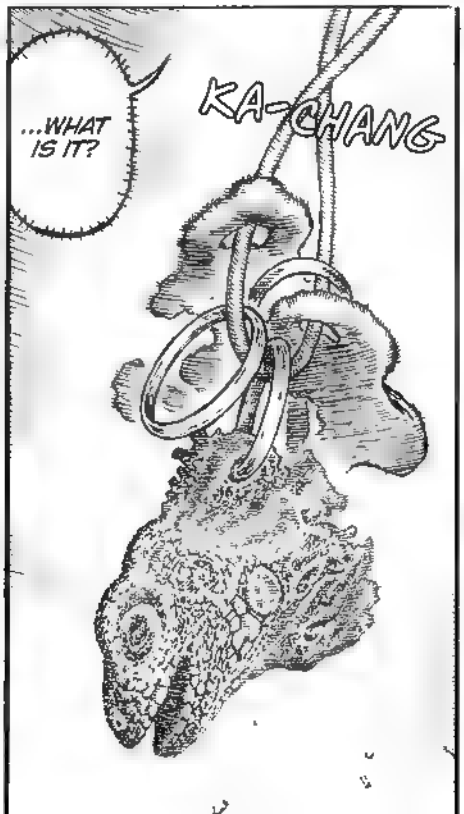
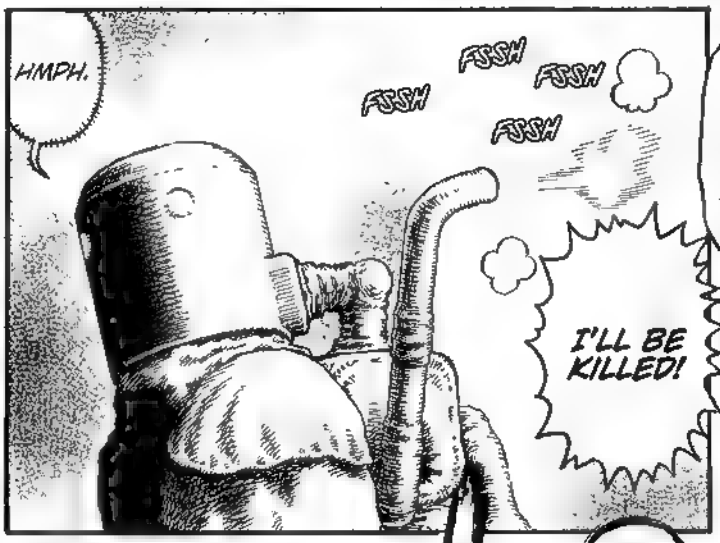
ISN'T THIS MR. MIZUSAKI, THE ONE HIGHLY PRAISED AS THE "HUNTER OF HUNTERS?"
HOOO?... LOOK WHO WE'VE GOT HERE.

HUNNH?
TO, TO MY COMPANIONS, I...


...WHAT IS IT?
KA-CHANG

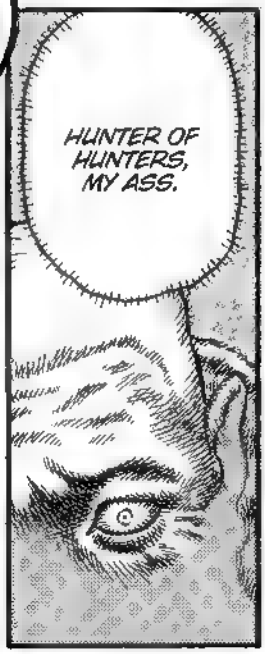
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
I, I...

GREAT SAGE OF THE DESERT...
NA... NAVIGA-TOR...


HMPH.
FJJSH
FJJSH
FJJSH
FJJSH
I'LL BE KILLED!

I'LL DEFINITELY BE EXECUT-ED IF I GO BACK TO THE CORPS.
I'M DONE FOR.

YOU FILTHY DRUGGIE.
PHIII


HUNTER OF HUNTERS, MY ASS.

YOU DID SACRIFICE A LOT OF YOUR COM-PANIONS.
FSSSHH
SHH

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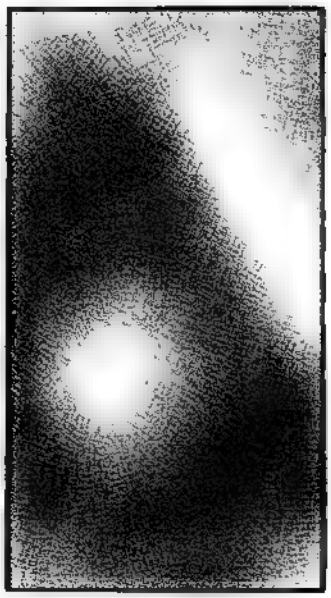
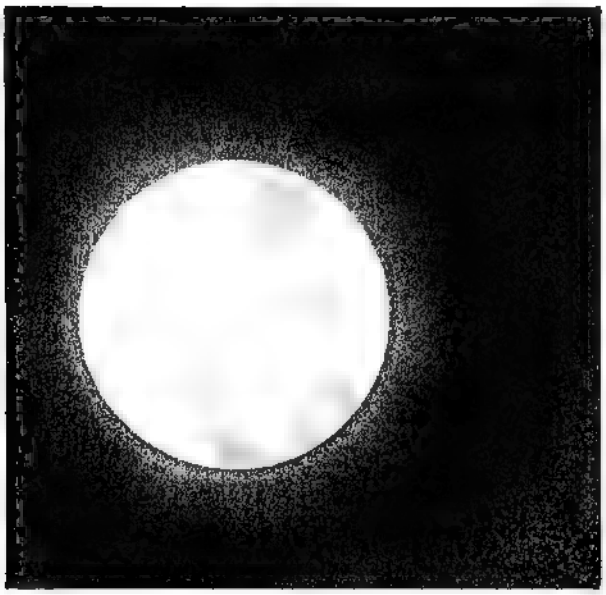
STUPID
IDIOT!
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO LET YOUR PREY GET AWAY?
YOU'RE JUST SITTING HERE JACKING YOUR-SELF OFF.
WHAT ABOUT THE ENEMY?
YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO THE HUNTERS.





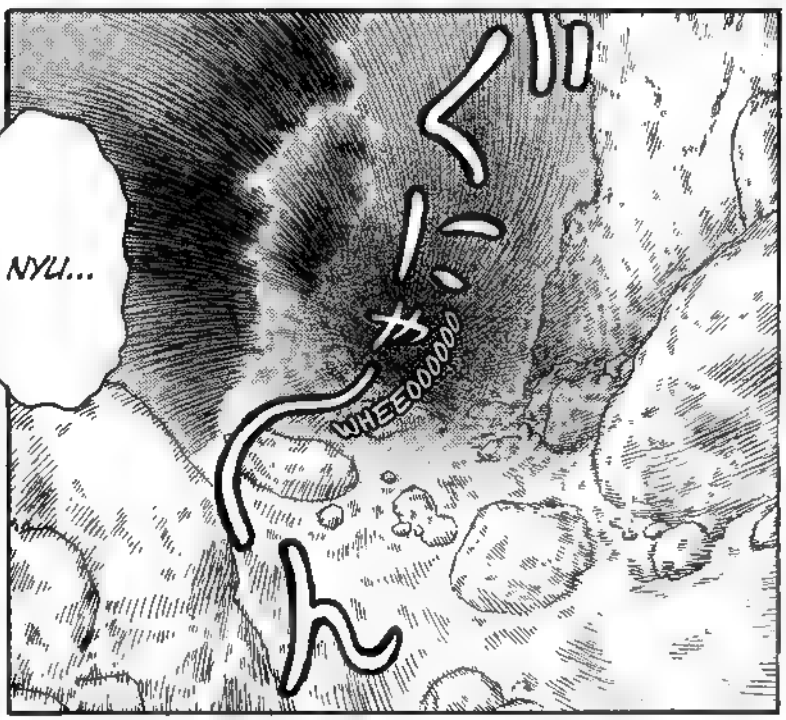
RI... RIGHT.
TH...THE ENEMY...
KACHA

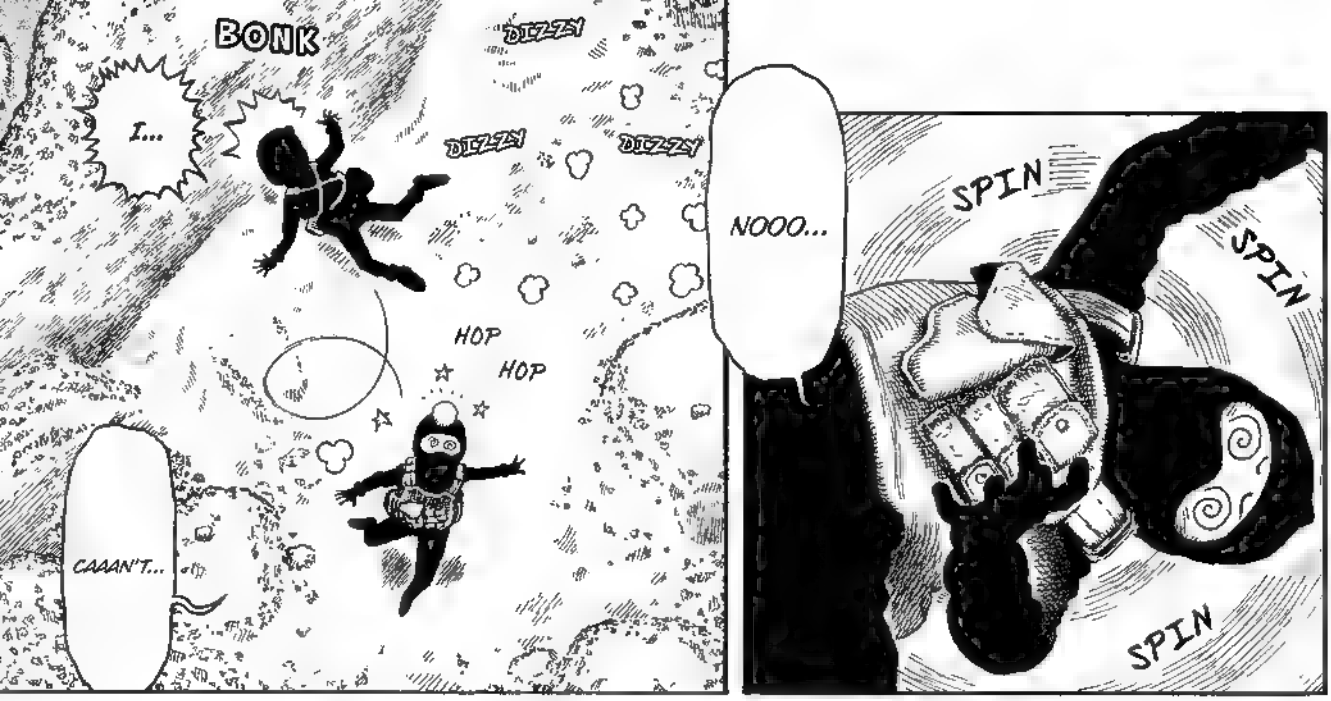
...AAH.
BLANK

GOTTA KILL 'EM...
STAGGER
STAGGER

WOBBLE
GOTTA KILL 'EM.

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


NYU...
WHEEOOOOOO


BONK
I...
DIZZY!
DIZZY!
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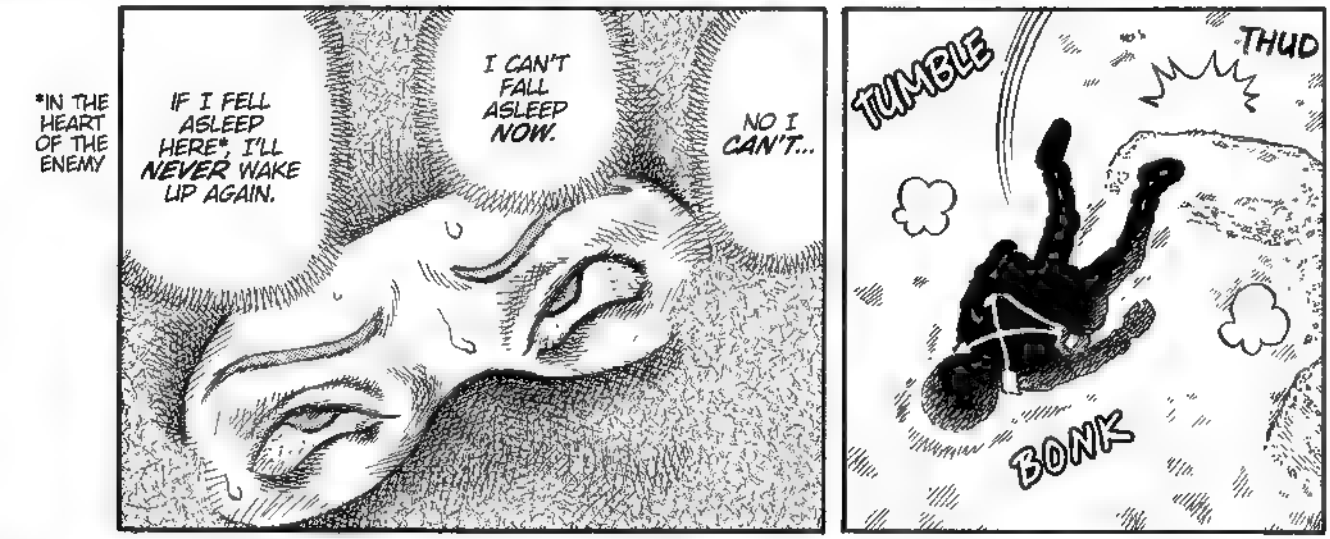
HOP
HOP
CAAAN'T...
NOOO...
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN


*IN THE HEART OF THE ENEMY
IF I FELL ASLEEP HERE*, I'LL NEVER WAKE UP AGAIN.
I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP NOW.
NO I CAN'T...
TUMBLE
THUD
BONK

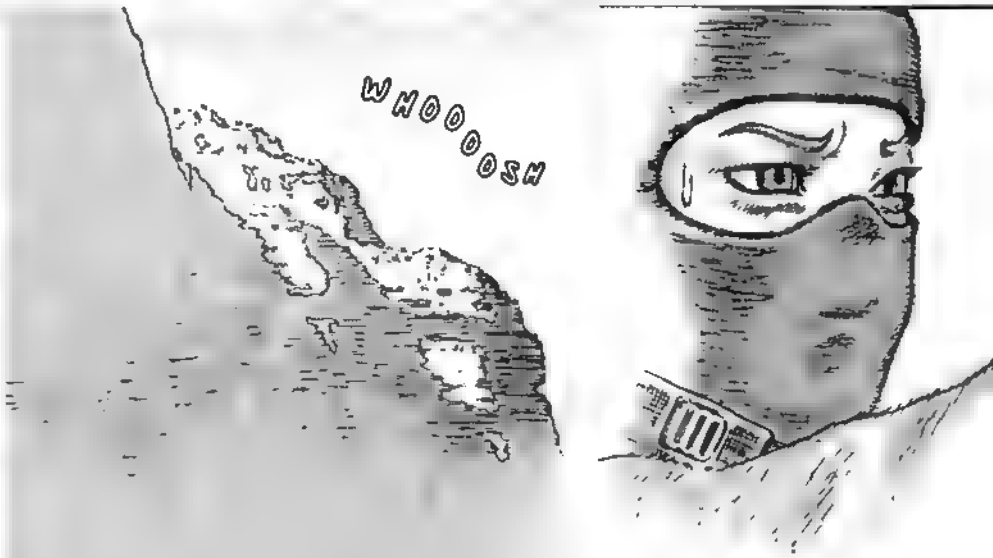
FIGHTING ON AND ON WITHOUT ANY RESTS IN THE SHIT OF A HELLHOLE.
Thanks to that, I was able to work three days straight without sleep
THE WONDER DRUG THAT KEPT MY FRONTLINE SOLDIER FRIENDS...
HAHAHAHAHA
also took that and went four days without sleep!
As if we'd lose!
...DURING TIMES LIKE THESE...
NOW...
RUSTLE
MY BODY JUST WON'T LISTEN TO ME ANYMORE.
BU-BUT... I'VE GONE WAY BEYOND MY LIMITS...
SHAKE
SHAKE
PER... PERHAPS...
SHAKE

"STIMULANTS."

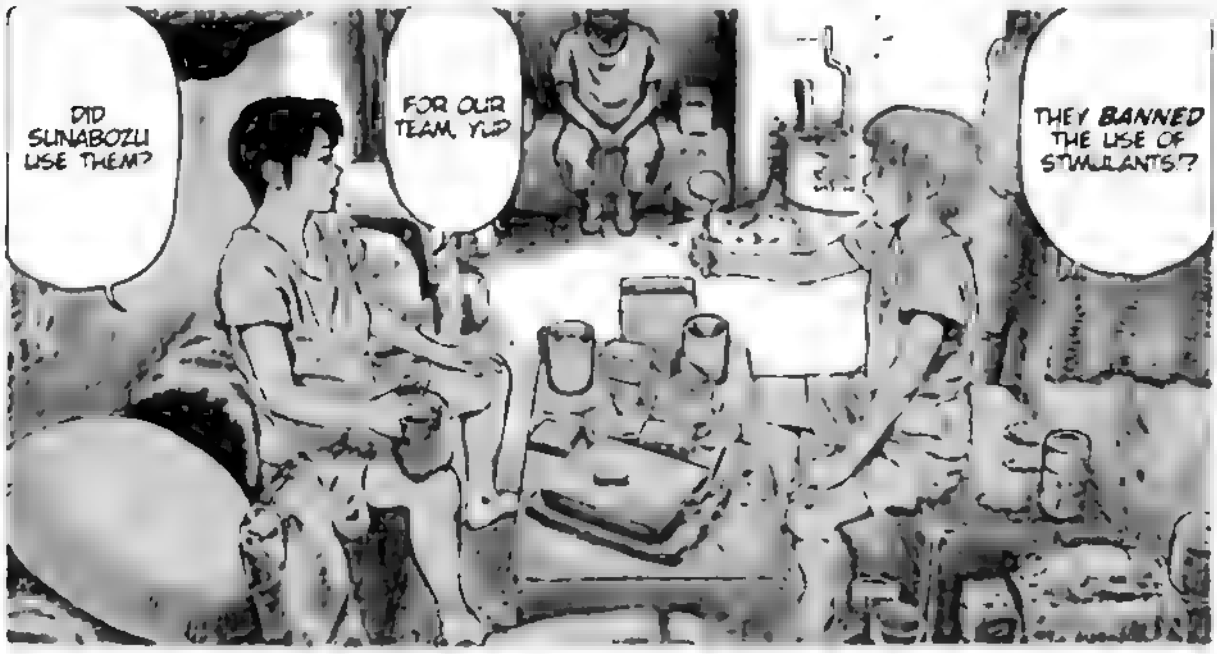
"FEEL REFRESHED AND REJUVENATED."

TA-DA

"ONE SHOT OF THIS WILL SOLVE ALL OF YOUR PROBLEMS."



EHHH!??
AROUND TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO...


DID SUNABOZU USE THEM?
FOR OUR TEAM, YUP
THEY BANNED THE USE OF STIMULANTS?

KOZU-MI.
YES?
YET THEY TELL US NOT TO USE THEM.
YES, THEY WILL.
...WILL BE STUFFING THEMSELVES WITH STIMULANTS.
I THINK THE ENEMIES WE WILL FACE FROM NOW ON...
AND WILL-POWER IS FREE, HE SAID.
NO THEY'RE TOO EXPENSIVE.
WHAT A CHEAP-SKATE.

BA-DUMP
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
WHAT IS YOUR MISSION?
"ANIMAL EXPERIMENT."
SULK
SULK
SULK
SULK
...EHM.
AND COLLECT HURON DATA.
I WILL BEAT MITSURU TO THE DEPTHS OF HELL...

ARE VALUABLE DATA THAT WILL BECOME THE FOUNDATION FOR THE VARIOUS HURON EXPERIMENTS WE WILL BE DOING.

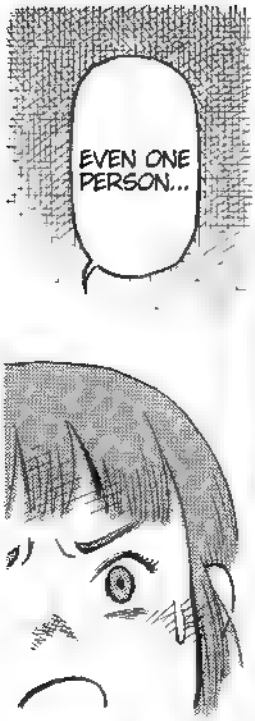
WHAT WE COLLECT

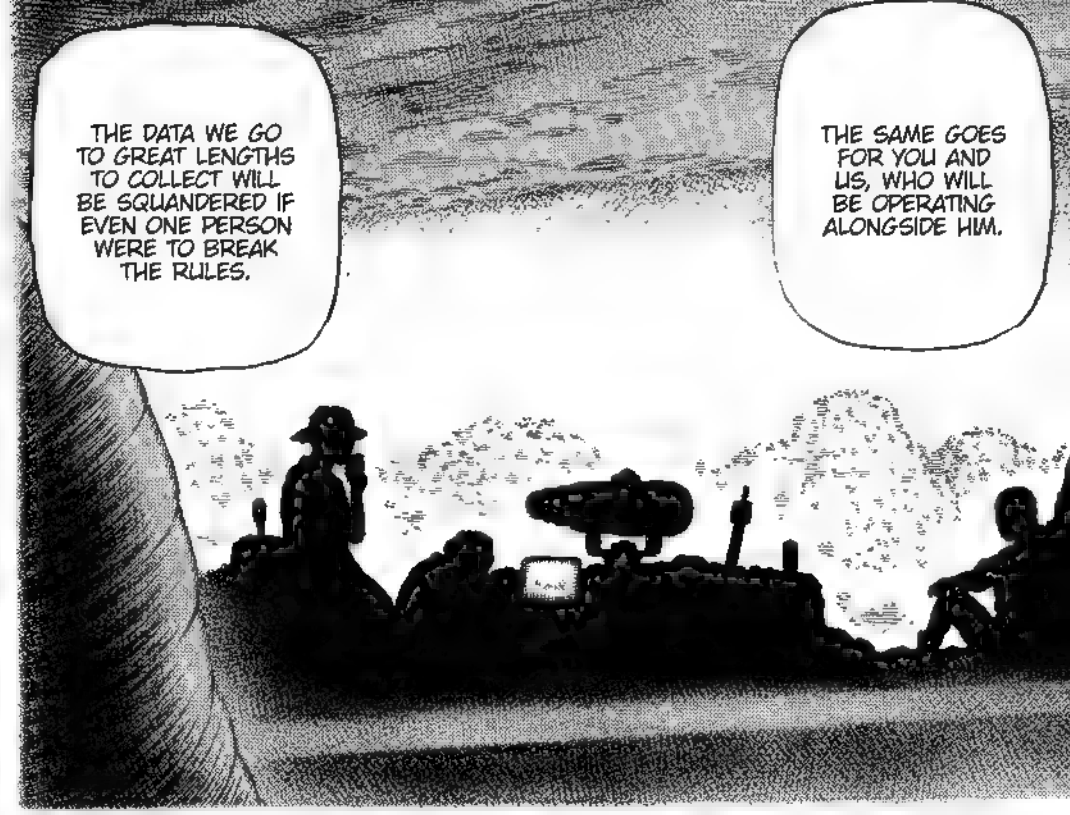
WE NEED NATURAL DATA.

THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND HIM WAS TO BE KEPT AS CONTAMINANT-FREE AS POSSIBLE

IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE RELIABILITY OF THE DATA,

NOT THE KIND OF DATA TAINTED BY DRUG-USE.

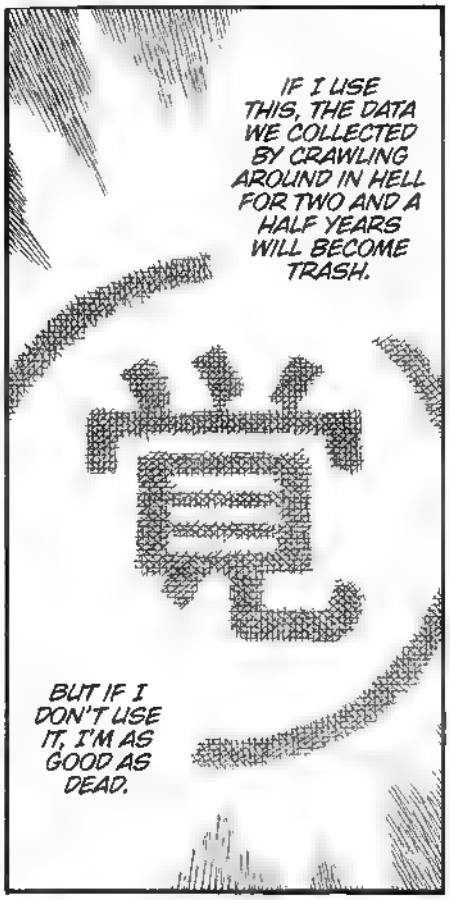

EVEN ONE PERSON...

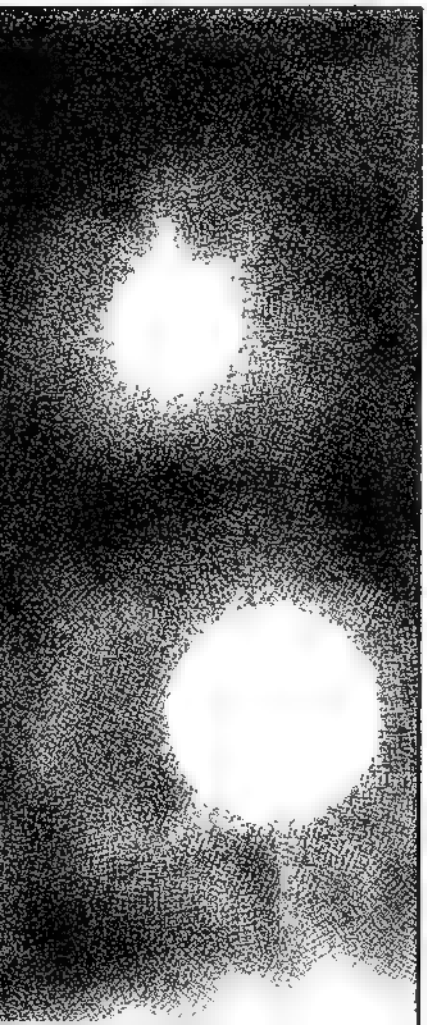

THE DATA WE GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO COLLECT WILL BE SQUANDERED IF EVEN ONE PERSON WERE TO BREAK THE RULES.
THE SAME GOES FOR YOU AND US, WHO WILL BE OPERATING ALONGSIDE HIM.

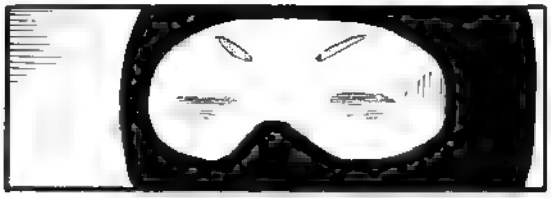
I AM KIND OF DYING HERE.
THAT WAS WHAT I WAS TOLD, BUT...
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
I can see four shots.
I really...
Want to do it.

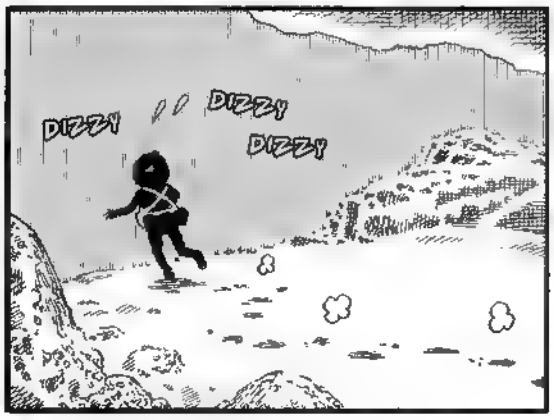
RATTLE
RATTLE
PLEASE BE PREPARED. THIS IS THE LINE OF WORK YOU ARE IN.
RATTLE
RATTLE

SHOULD I GIVE UP MY JOB? OR SHOULD I GIVE UP MY SANITY AS A HUMAN BEING?









AH.

THEY'RE PUTTING OUT A SIGNAL.
IT'S FRIENDLY.
THEY'RE ALL SUDDENLY POPPING UP.
MAKES SENSE. THEY WOULD'VE BEEN SHOT LONG AGO IF THEY WERE ENEMIES.

1500!? SO CLOSE! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO NOTICE THEM WHEN THEY'RE AT 3000 METERS.
...EH!?
THERMAL DETECTION, SIX PEOPLE INCOMING AT 12 O'CLOCK, 1500 METRES.

WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU?

MY BAD, MY BAD.

WE'RE FROM THE NIIZUMI SQUAD.

BEEP

Heavy!

YOU'RE THE TRANS-PORTATION UNIT?

WE'LL HOLD ONTO YOUR GUNS UNTIL WE'RE DONE ID-ING YOU.

YEAH YEAH, I KNOW.

KACHA

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

NO ENTRY BEYOND THIS POINT.

I HEAR THINGS HAVE GONE *CRAZY.*

SOME IDIOT BLEW OPEN A HUGE HOLE AND THE SURROUNDING REGIONS ARE ALL ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSING.

...SERI-OUSLY?

I HEARD THEY WERE CRUSHED UNDER THE RUBBLE.

AND THE ENEMIES?

BUT IT'S STILL TOO DANGEROUS TO DIG THEM OUT.

...DID YOU COME FROM DOWN BELOW?

YEAH.

OH, I KNEW IT!

IT'S THE NEW MODEL!

OH!

HEY MAN, I'M ONLY HERE TO HELP OUT.

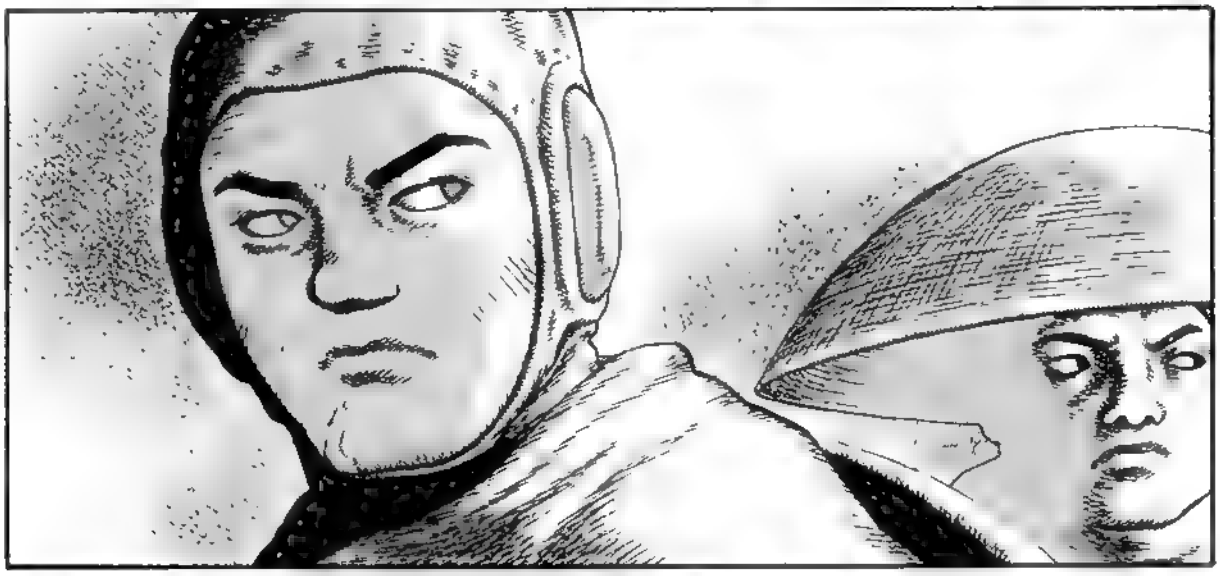
YOU BUNCH OF CAREFREE IDIOTS BETTER PRAY YOU DON'T FALL INTO THE GIANT HOLE!

THE ENEMY IS LONG GONE SO WE'LL JUST BE KEEPING WATCH HERE.

THANKS FOR GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY OUT AND COMING UP HERE BUT...

MY GOD, SHUT THE HELL UP.
They'll chew me out if anything happens!
Just grab a drink or something!
DO NOT GO IN!

I'VE GOT CONFIRMATION.
OKAY.



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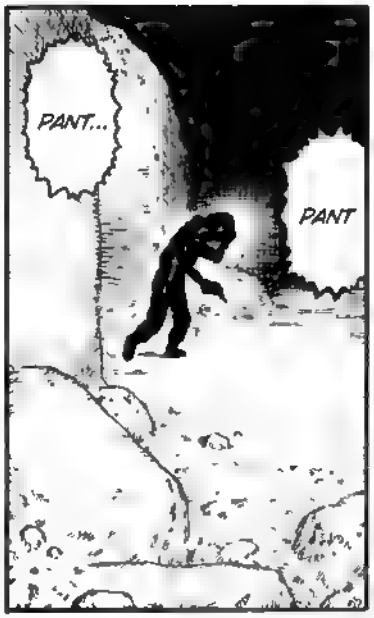
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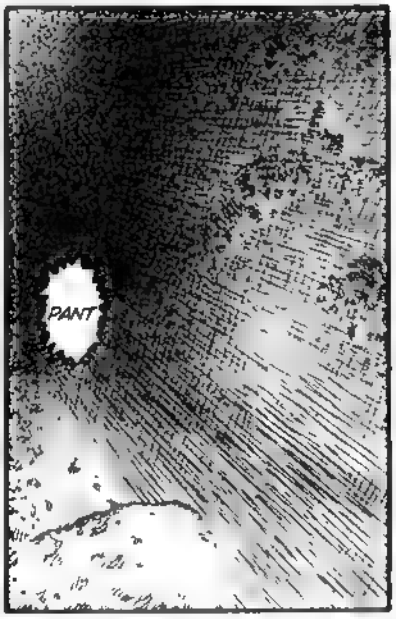
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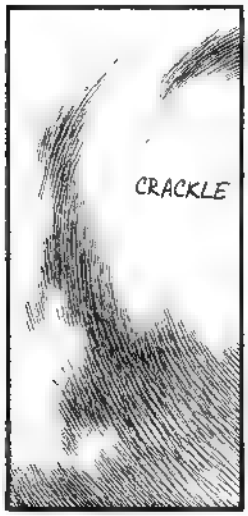
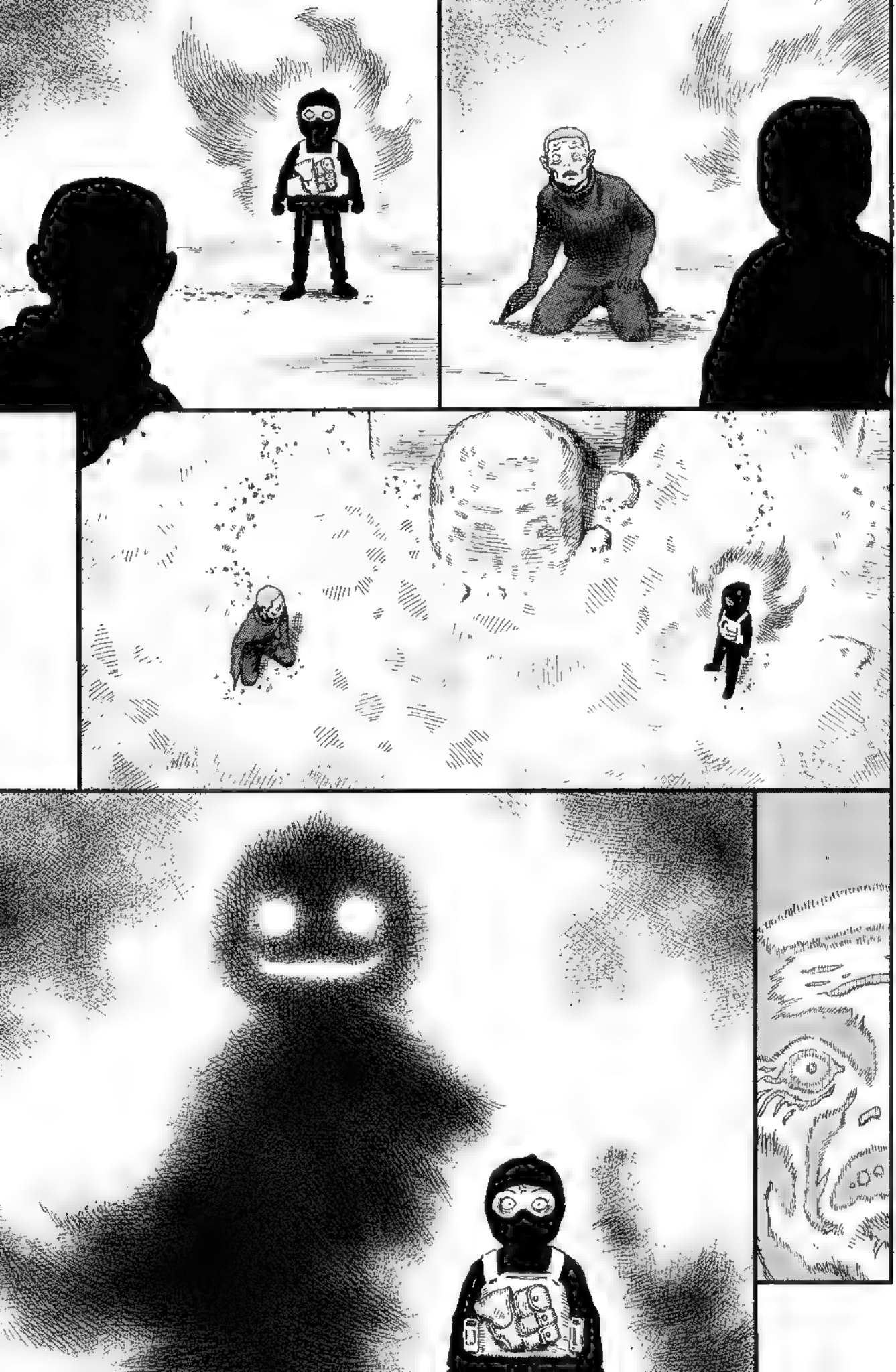

CRACKLE

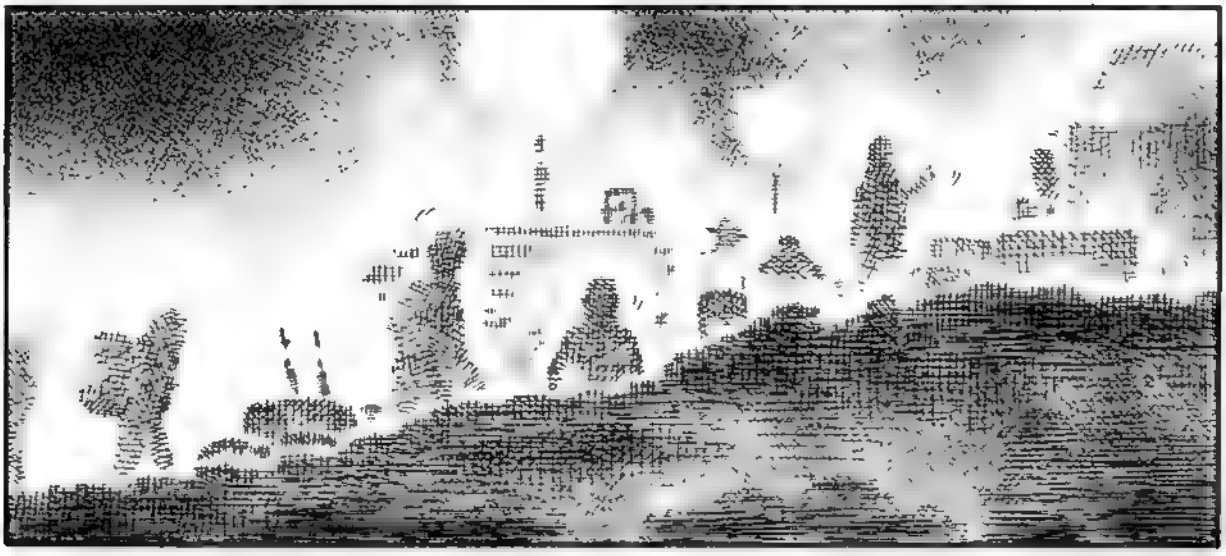
DRAG

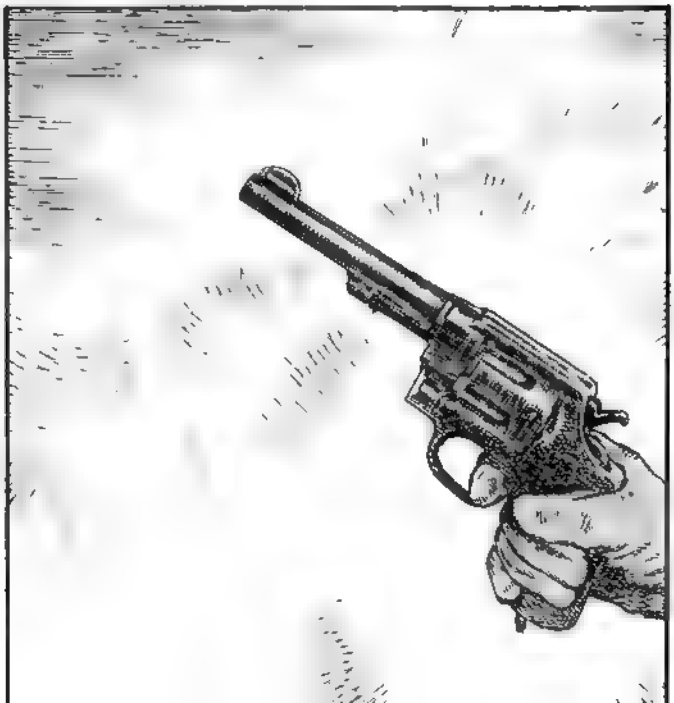
GLARE



...EEP!
BANG

FWIP





OH NO!

OH-

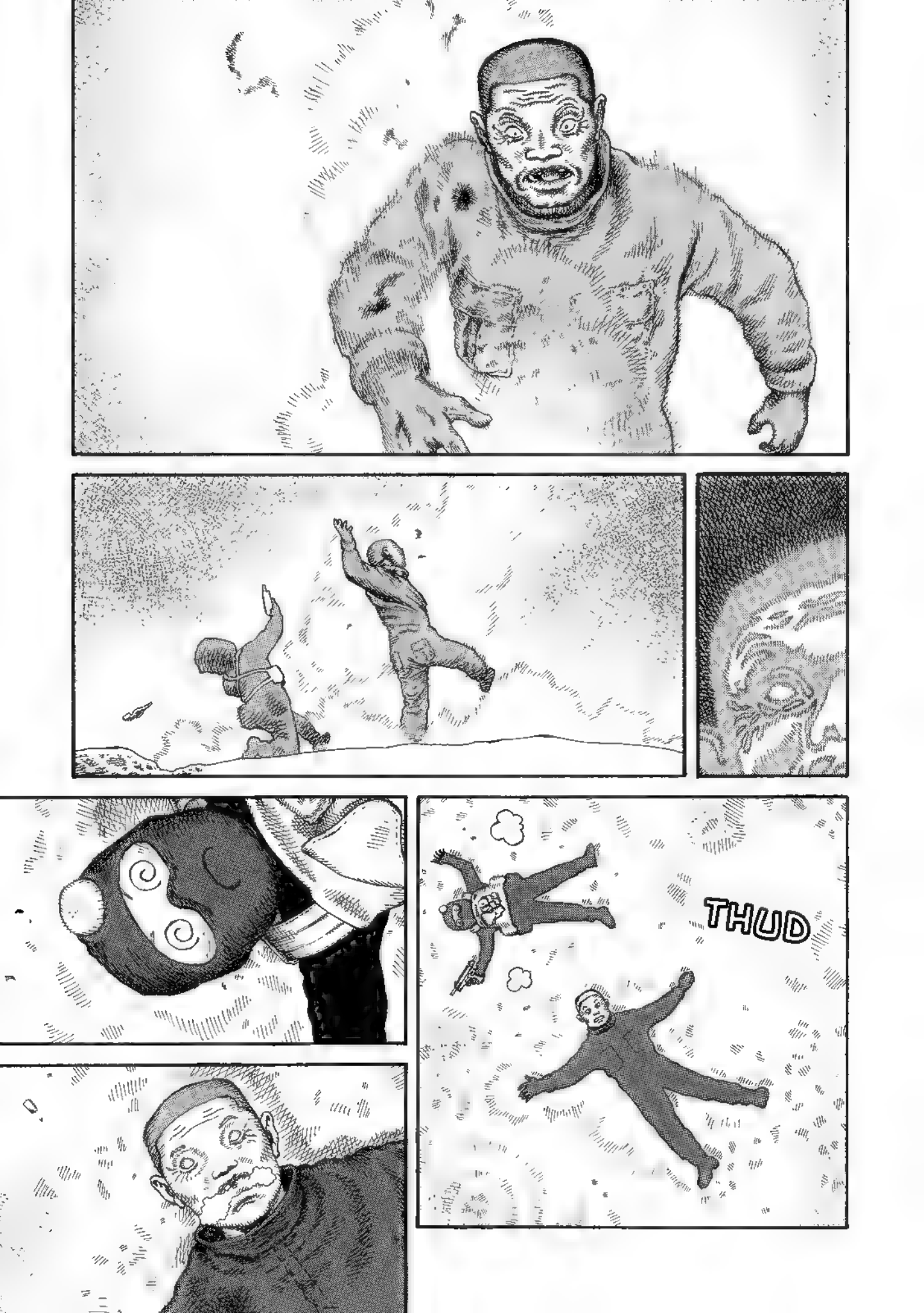
WHY IS HE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

AHH... DAMMIT ALL! I DON'T CARE ANYMORE...
PEW
GUNFIRE RIGHT IN THE HEART OF ENEMY TERRITORY, WHAT AM I THINKING?

*SHE CALLS IT 'GABA,' WHICH IS SHORT FOR GOVERNMENT. THE JP SLANG FOR THE M1911

BANG

CRASH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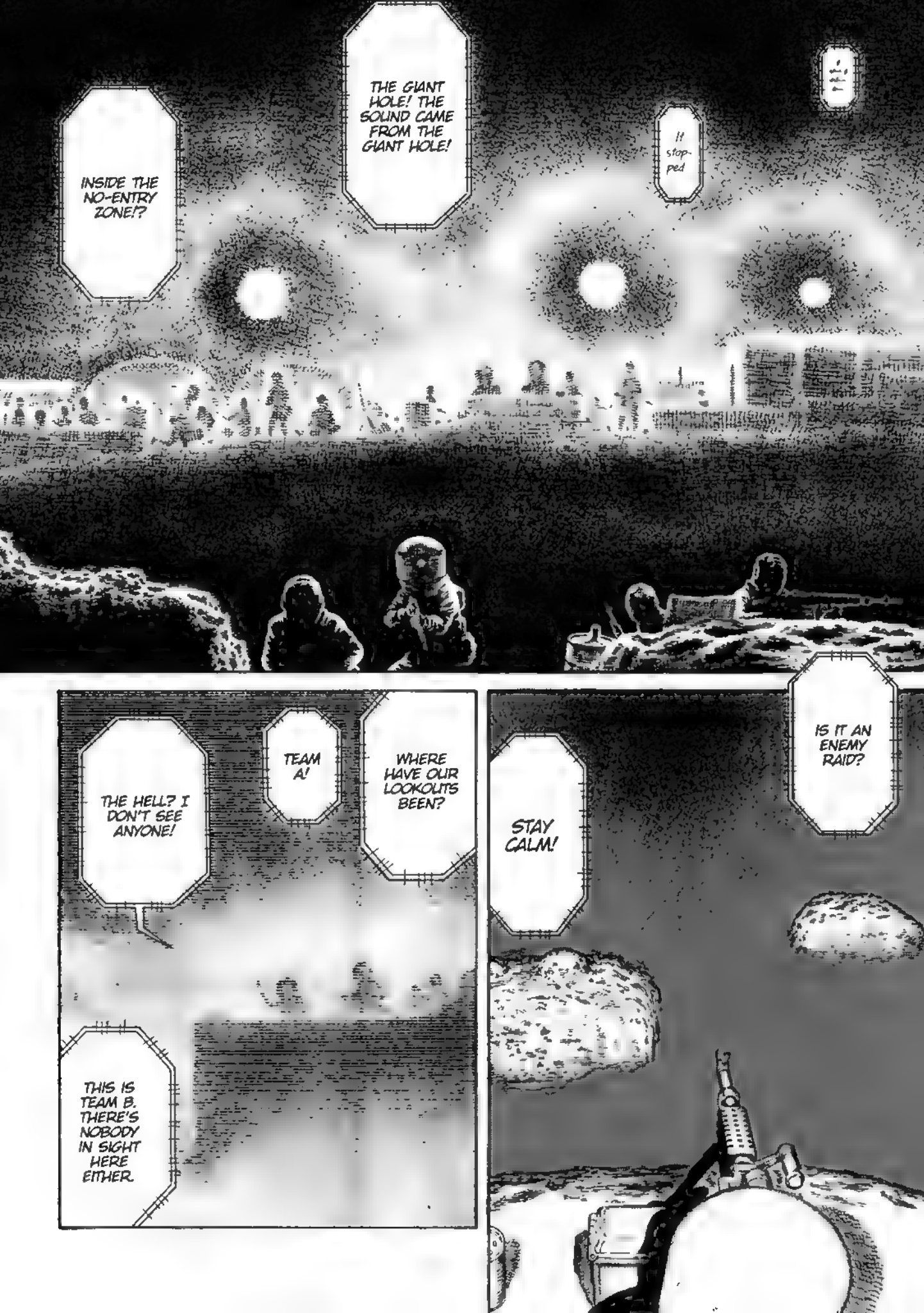

INSIDE THE NO-ENTRY ZONE!?
THE GIANT HOLE! THE SOUND CAME FROM THE GIANT HOLE!
It stopped
THE HELL? I DON'T SEE ANYONE!
TEAM A!
WHERE HAVE OUR LOOKOUTS BEEN?
THIS IS TEAM B. THERE'S NOBODY IN SIGHT HERE EITHER.
STAY CALM!
IS IT AN ENEMY RAID?

WE'VE ONLY GOT THE NIIZUMI SQUAD HERE. THEY WERE THE ONES WHO REPORTED [redacted] EARLIER.

WE WERE THERE WITH THEM WHEN WE HEARD THE GUNSHOT.

I TOLD THEM NOT TO GO IN!

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO IF IT'S THE ENEMY?

TEAM C!

WE SAW A LIZARD HERE, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR. BUT WE'VE EATEN IT ALREADY.

...TEAM D!

I SWEAR IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE SOME JUNKIE FUCKED IN THE HEAD, I'M GONNA KICK HIM INTO THE GIANT HOLE!

Put your tasks on hold! All teams, stay on high alert!

Team leaders, take a roll call! Make sure we can confirm each and every person's position!

GOD, WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW?

This ain't no joke.

WE'LL SEND SCOUTS FROM OUR END.

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT TELLING US TO GO CHECK IT OUT.

FOCUS ON SEARCHING FOR THE ENEMY.

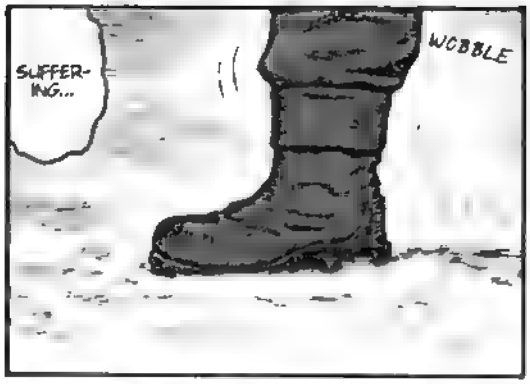
Who'd wanna go! The ground could collapse anytime!

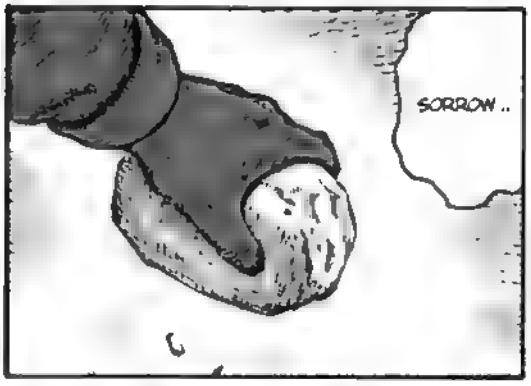
THE LOOKOUTS AT THE NO-ENTRY ZONE WILL STAY PUT AT THEIR POSTS.

TSK

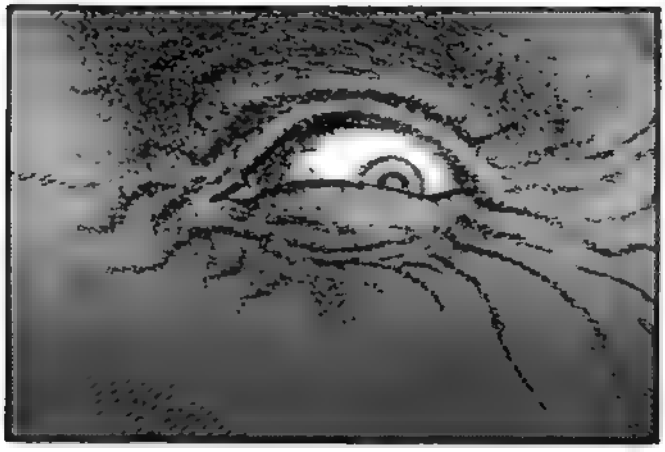
ZZZ

PANT
PANT
PANT
STAGGER


SUFFER-ING...
WOBBLE


SORROW..

IIIIEEE-EEEEE!



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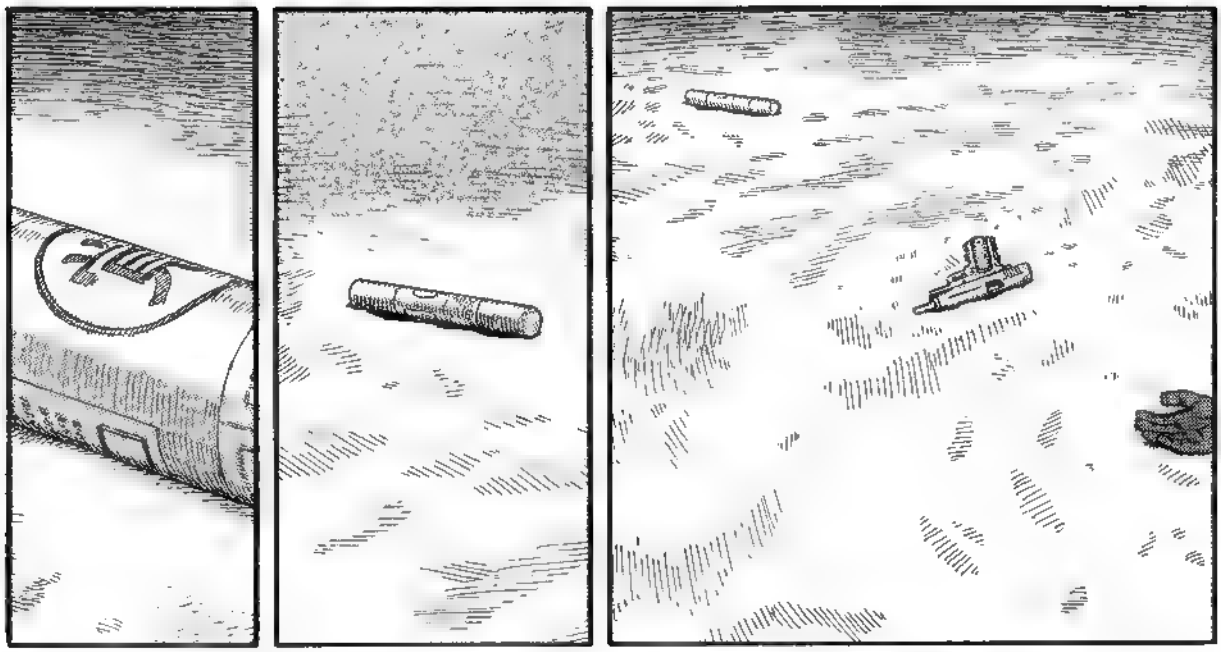

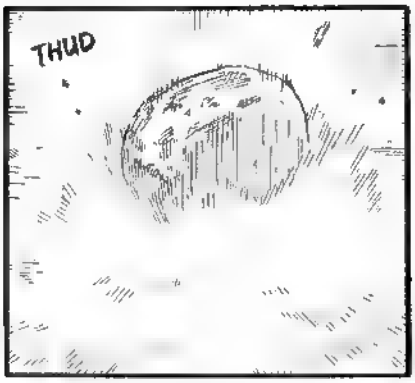
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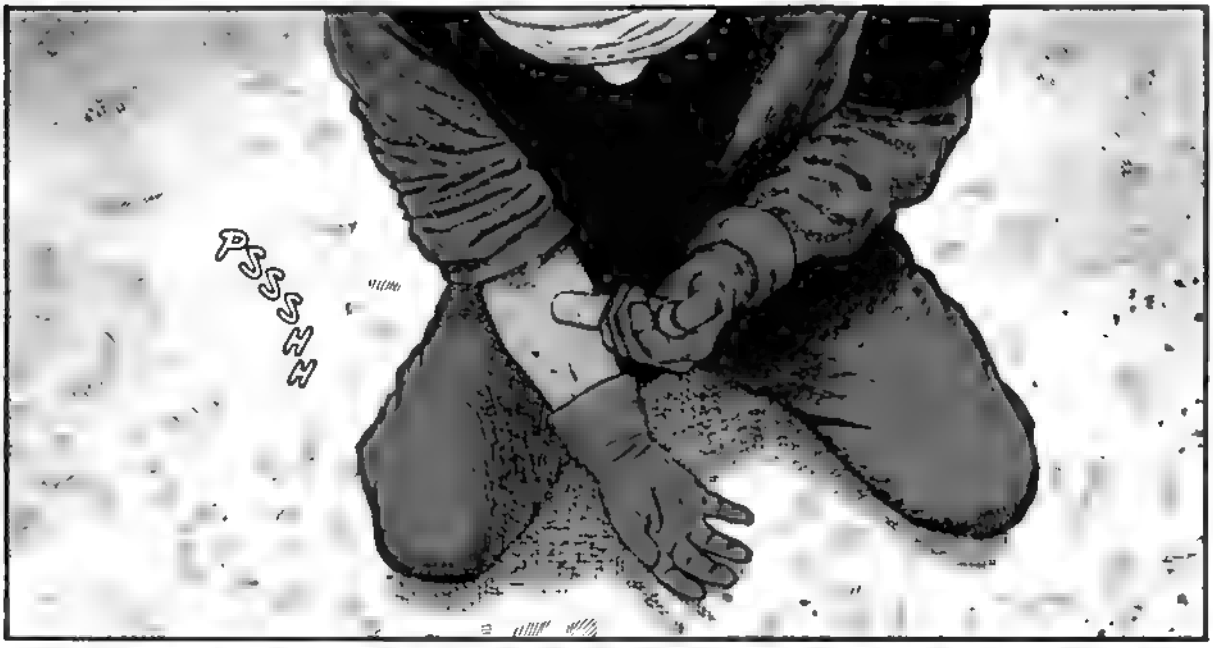
WOBBLE
WOBBLE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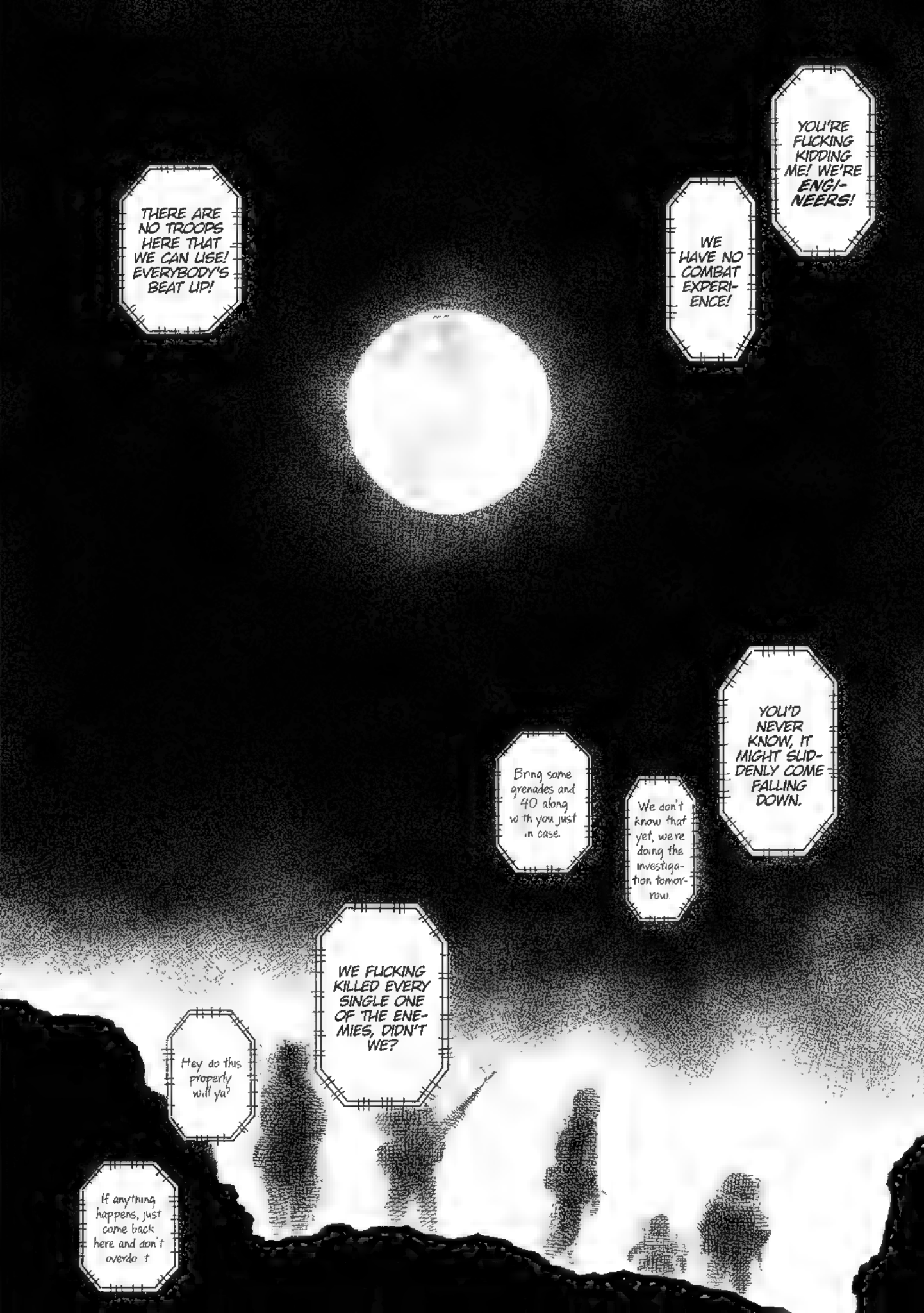
THERE ARE NO TROOPS HERE THAT WE CAN USE! EVERYBODY'S BEAT UP!
WE HAVE NO COMBAT EXPERI-ENCE!
YOU'RE FUCKING KIDDING ME! WE'RE ENGI-NEERS!
YOU'D NEVER KNOW, IT MIGHT SUD-DENLY COME FALLING DOWN.
We don't know that yet, we're doing the investiga-tion tomor-row.
Bring some grenades and 40 along w th you just in case.
WE FUCKING KILLED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE ENE-MIES, DIDN'T WE?
Hey do this properly will ya?
If anything happens, just come back here and don't overdo t

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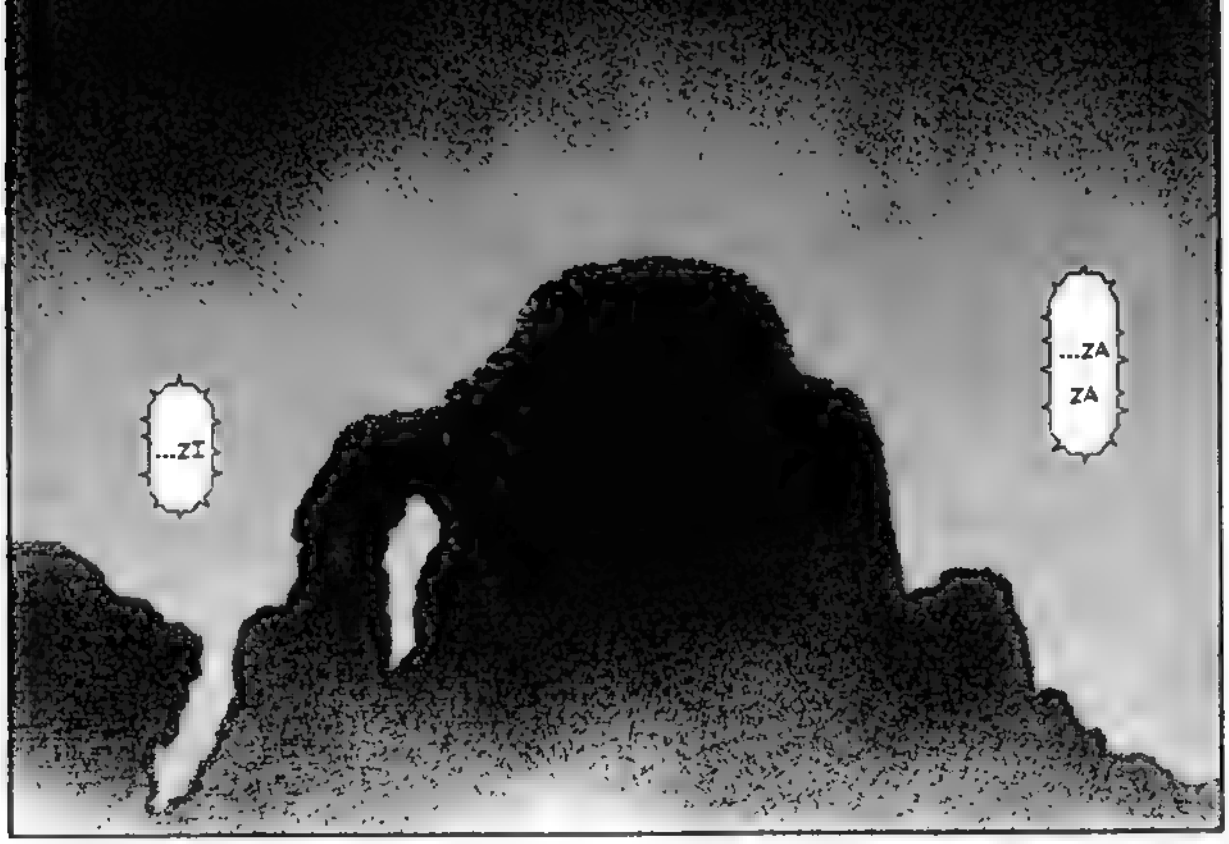
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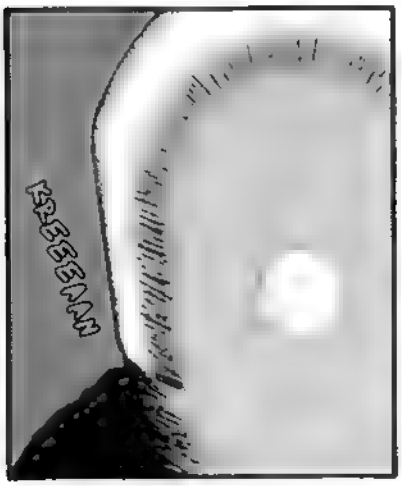
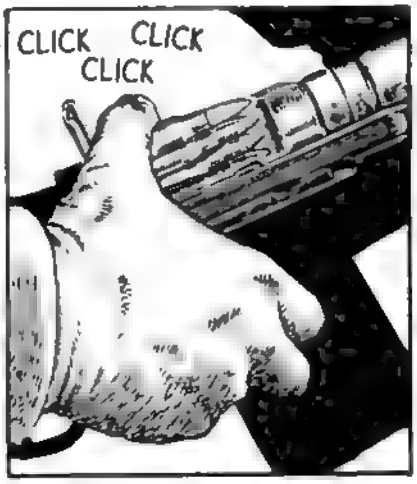

BABBBAAA

GAGHAK
CLICK
CLICK
FLICK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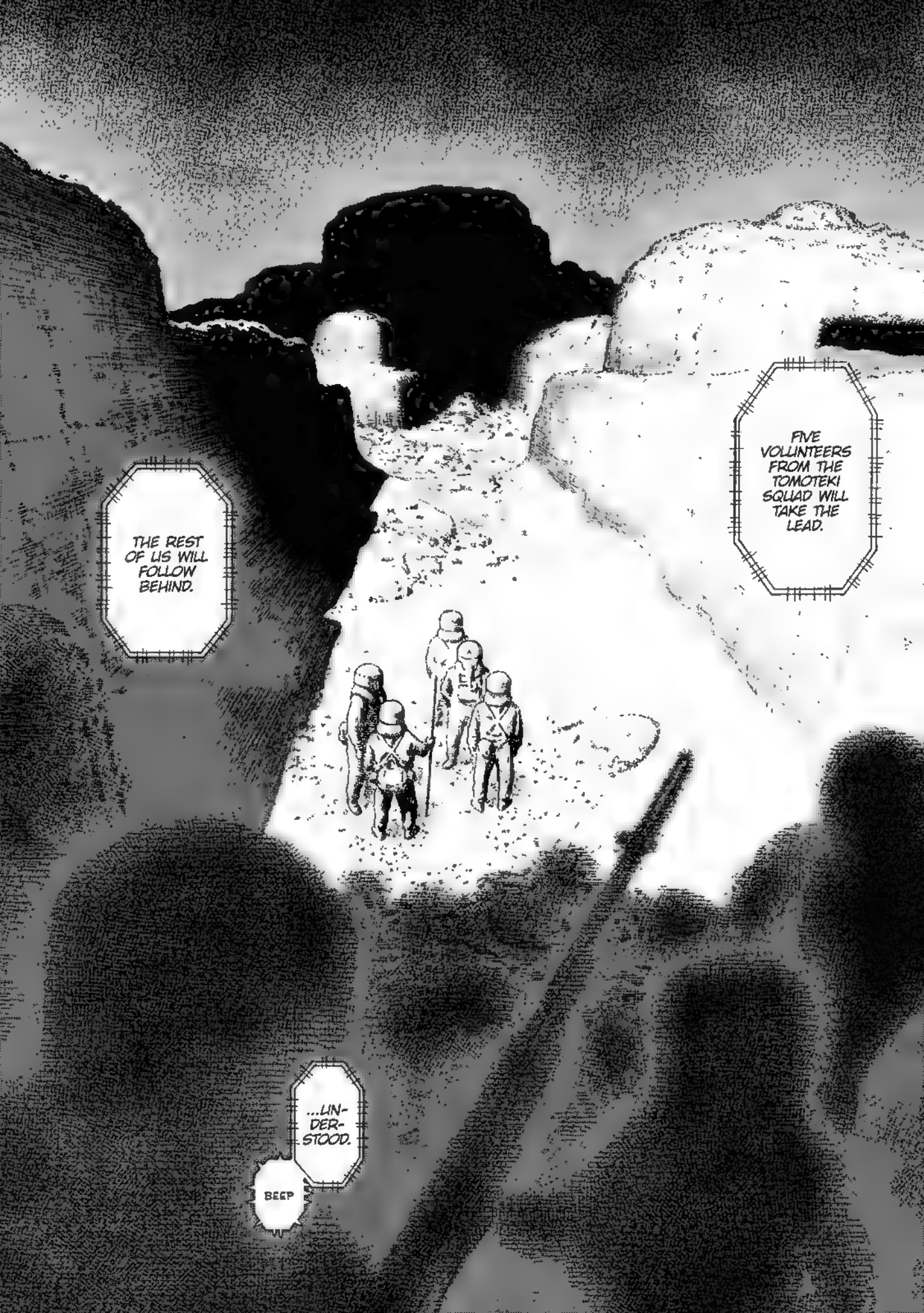
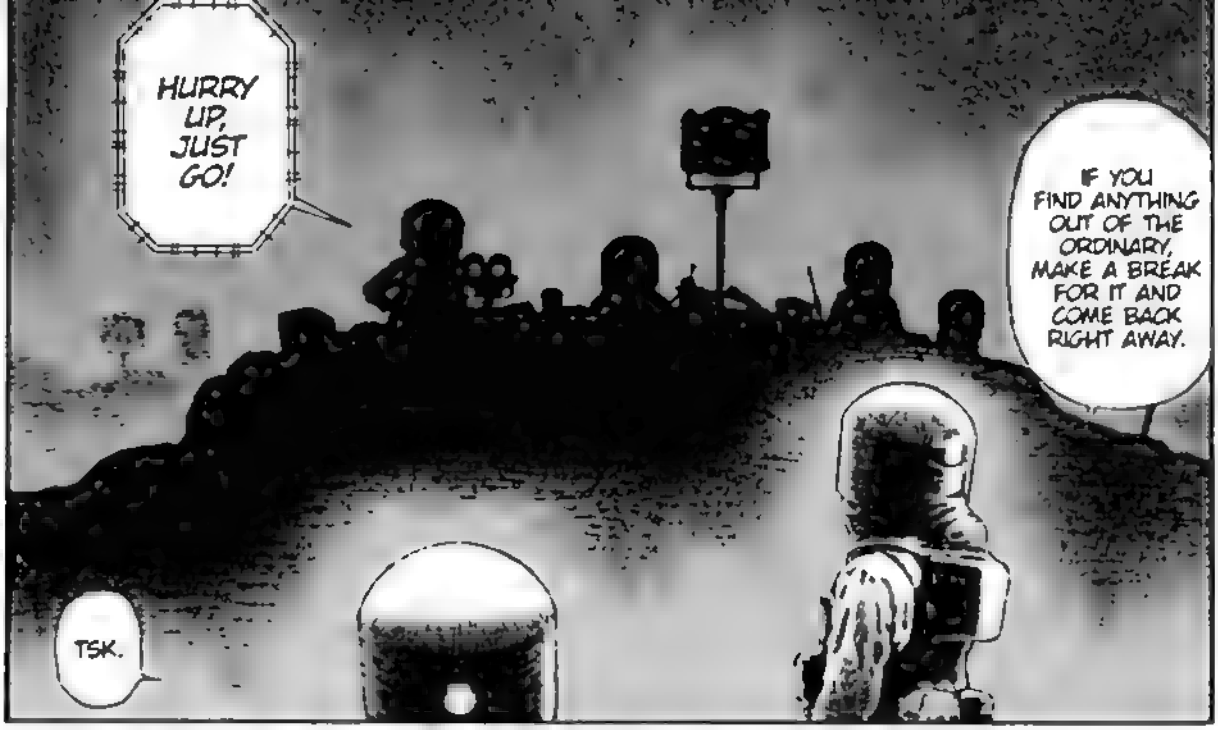
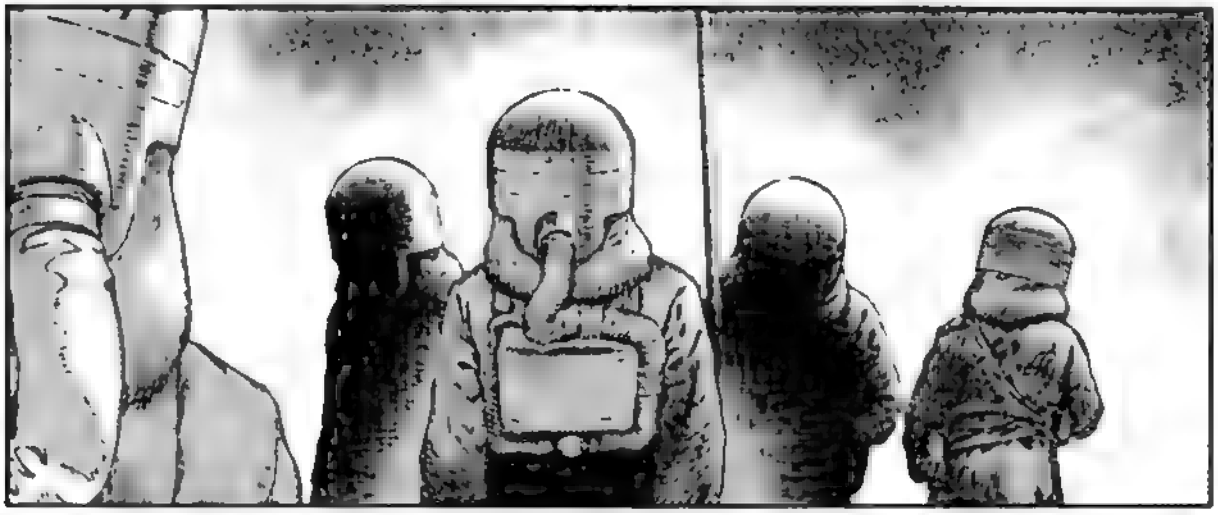
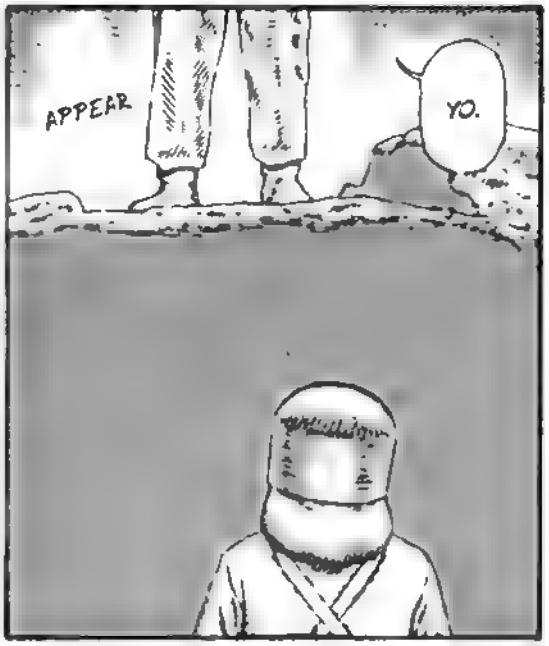
WE WILL NOW INFIL-TRATE THE RESTRICT-ED AREA.
THIS IS THE NAMI-KAWA SQUAD.


THE REST OF US WILL FOLLOW BEHIND.
FIVE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE TOMOTEKI SQUAD WILL TAKE THE LEAD.
...UN-DER-STOOD.
BEEP


HURRY UP, JUST GO!
IF YOU FIND ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY, MAKE A BREAK FOR IT AND COME BACK RIGHT AWAY.
TSK.

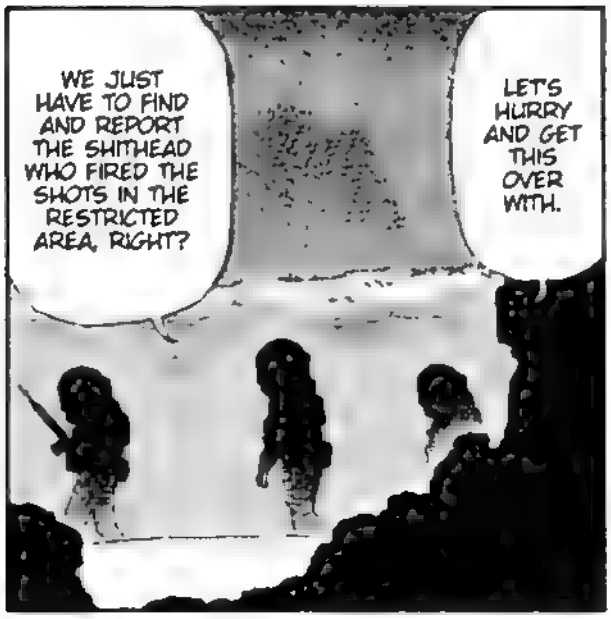


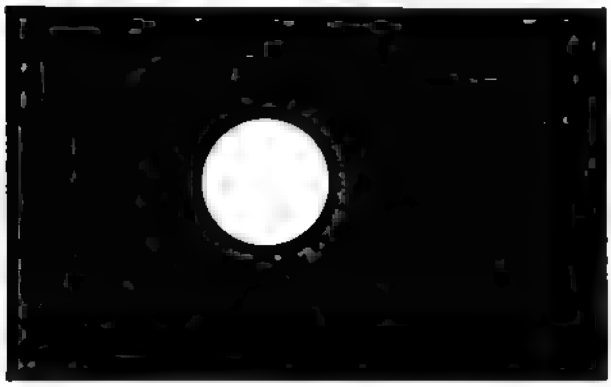
YEAH.
SLUGGISH
SLUGGISH
L-LET'S GO.


APPEAR
YO.

BUT DON'T WE HAVE TOO FEW PEOPLE FOR THIS?
I DUNNO IF WE'LL FIND AN ENEMY, OR JUST SOME CRACK HEAD LOSER...

IF WE RUN INTO THE ENEMIES NOW, THEY'LL BE THE ONES GETTING POPPED OFF FIRST.
IT'S COOL.


WE JUST HAVE TO FIND AND REPORT THE SHITHEAD WHO FIRED THE SHOTS IN THE RESTRICTED AREA, RIGHT?
LET'S HURRY AND GET THIS OVER WITH.



...
IT'D BE DISASTROUS IF WE SENT TOO MANY PEOPLE AND THE GROUND AT THE BOTTOM GAVE IN.
Site of the collapse
WHY ME...
DAMN IT
WHOOOOSH

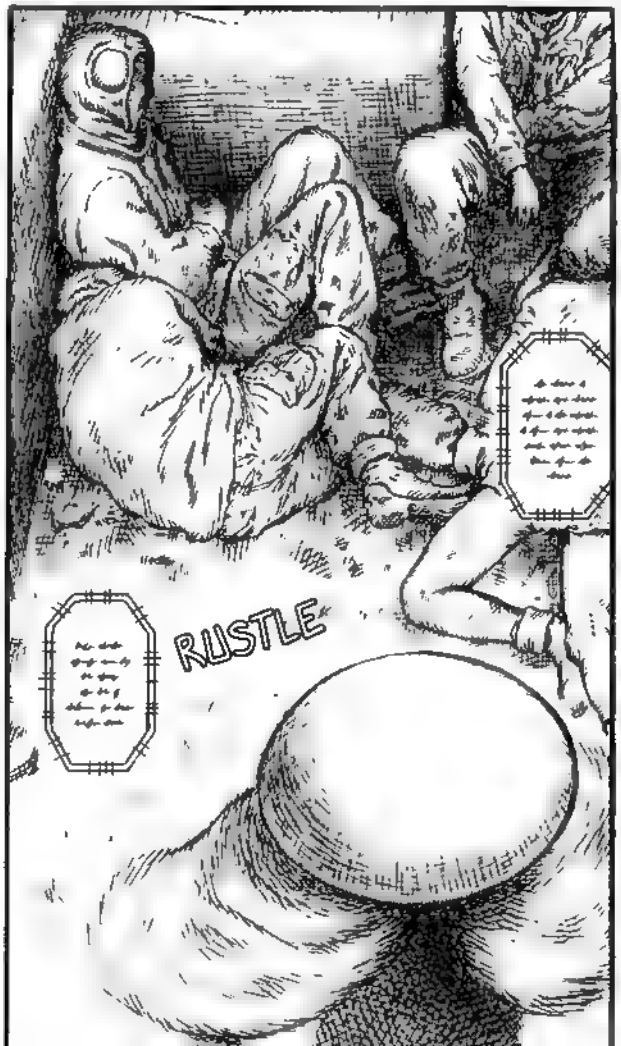
NAMIKAWA SQUAD HAS ENTERED THE RESTRICTED AREA.

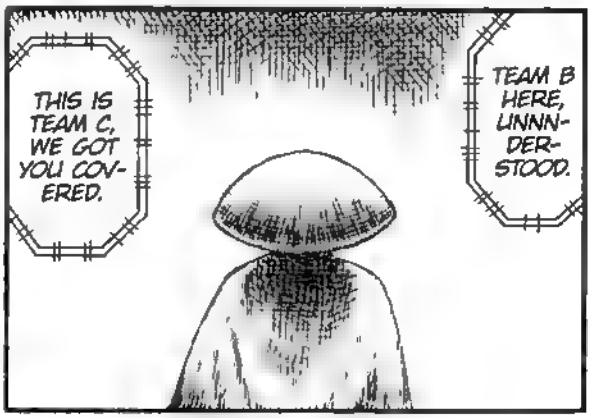
GUYS ON LOOKOUT, TAKE CARE NOT TO FIRE ON FRIENDLIES.

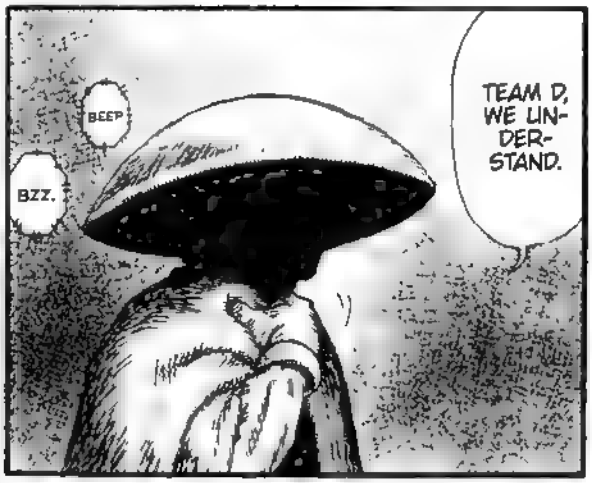
ZIZI

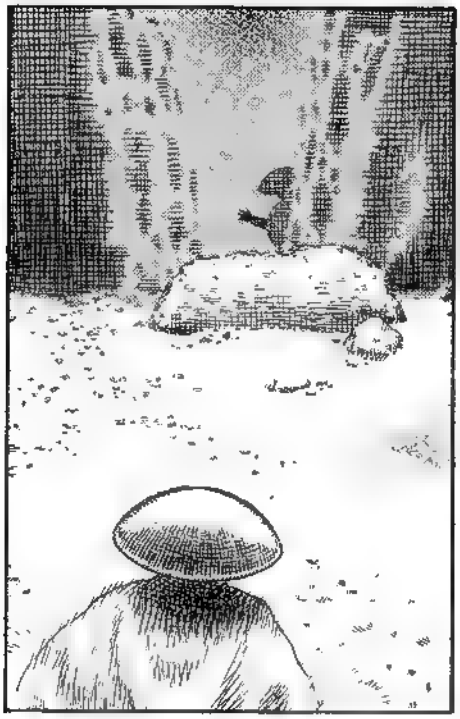
TEAM A, UNDERSTOOD.

ZA.









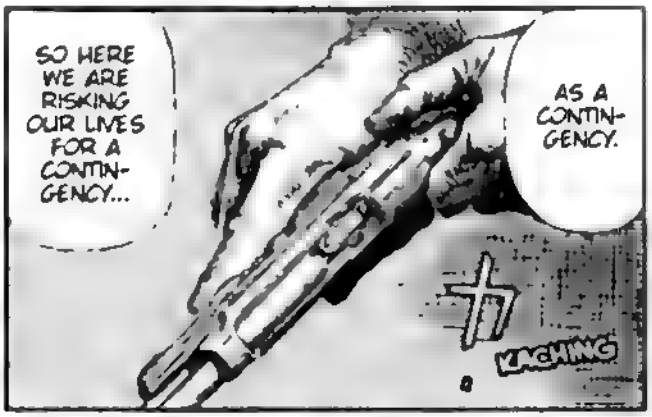
GIVE ME THE SITREP ON THE INSIDE.
THE SCOUTING TEAM HAS ENTERED. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

THAT IS, IF SHE REALLY CRAWLED HER WAY OUT HERE.

AND IF SHE COMES CRAWLING HER WAY HERE AS REPORTED,
APPARENTLY THERE'S HOT GAS SEEPING OUT FROM THE GIANT HOLE, SO THERMAL DETECTION IS USELESS.
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO SPOT HER.

.. REACH GROUND LEVEL WHILE AVOIDING THE FALLING DEBRIS, RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THE COLLAPSE...
THAT'S UNBELIEVABLE.

TO THINK THAT SHE COULD ACTUALLY...


SO HERE WE ARE RISKING OUR LIVES FOR A CONTINGENCY...
AS A CONTINGENCY.
KACHING

THEN WHY DID THEY SEND US?
PRETTY MUCH.

SHE'LL BE CRAWLING HER WAY HERE.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT FOR SURE?

SHE'S COMING UP.

HEE HEE HEE HEE

THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION IS THE DISCIPLE OF THAT *BASTARD.*

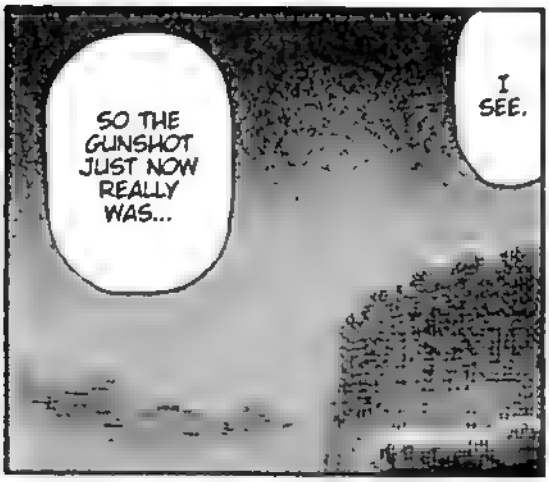
THE ONE AS TOUGH AS A VENEMOUS DESERT LIZARD AND AS VENGEFUL AS THE BITE OF AN ARMY ANT.

THAT *FUCKING BASTARD.*

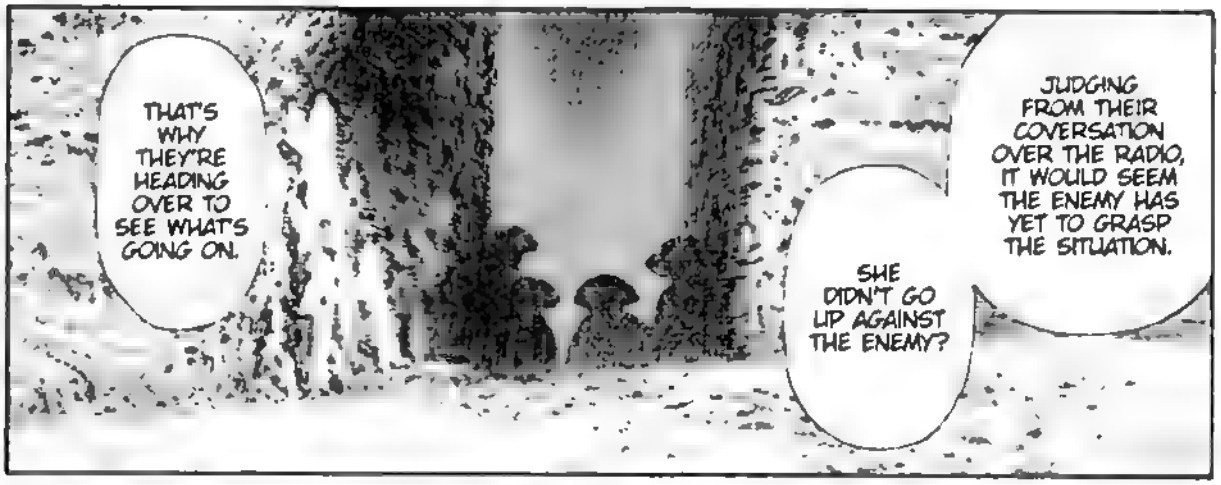
SHUDDER

TWITCH TWITCH TWITCH

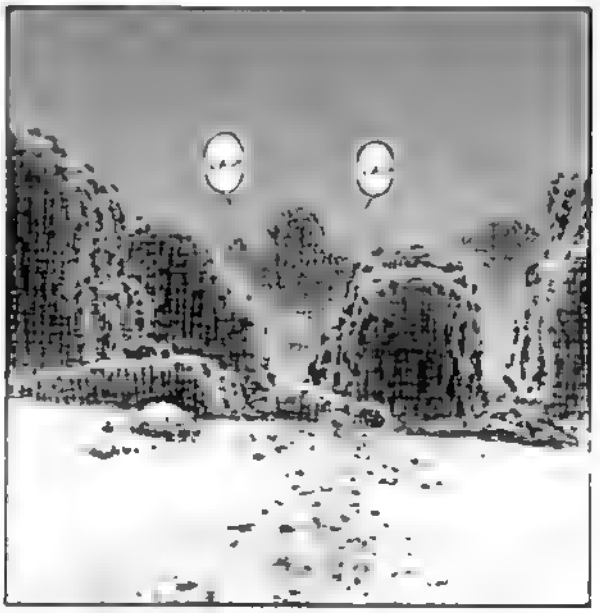
That fucker!



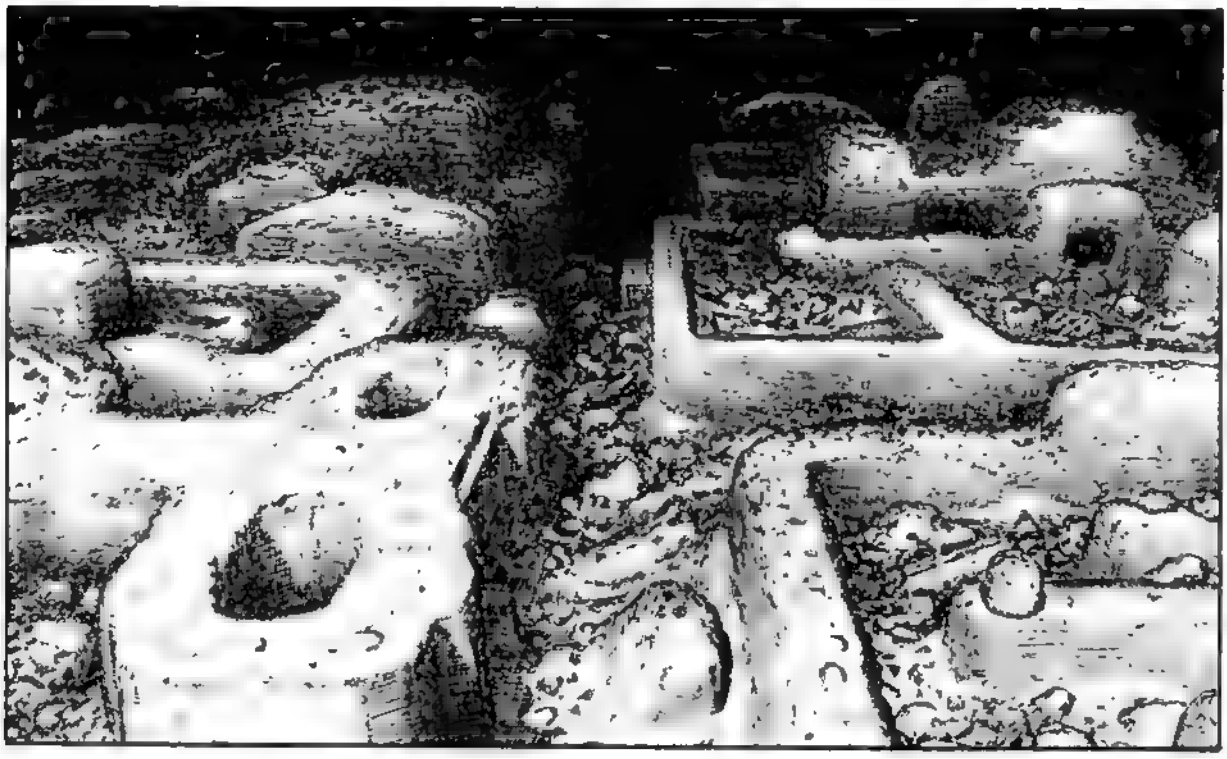
BUT WOULDN'T THAT MEAN SHE WAS IN A TIGHT SPOT?
FIRING A GUN HERE WOULD FLUSH ALL THAT EFFORT DOWN THE DRAIN.
SHE WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE TO ESCAPE UNDETECTED.
WHO KNOWS.

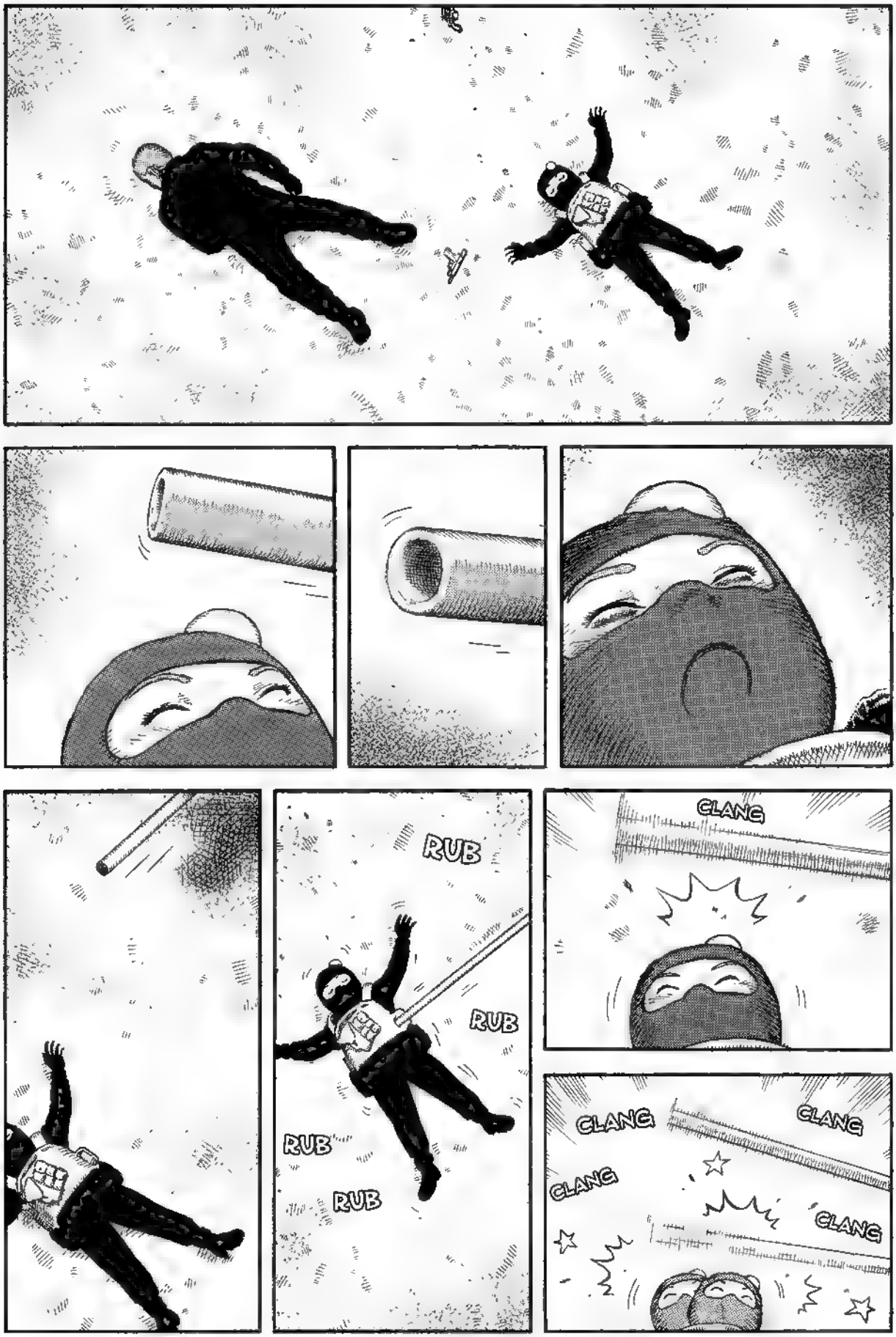

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE HEADING OVER TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON.
SHE DIDN'T GO UP AGAINST THE ENEMY?
JUDGING FROM THEIR CONVERSATION OVER THE RADIO, IT WOULD SEEM THE ENEMY HAS YET TO GRASP THE SITUATION.

WE'RE GOOD TO GO, LET'S MOVE.
...HERE THEY COME.



KREEEAAAHH
CLICK

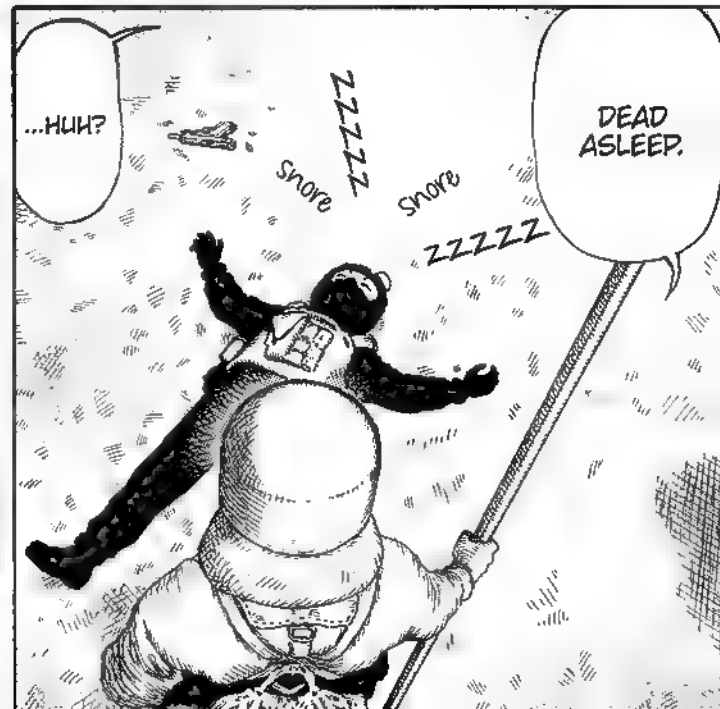



RUB
RUB
RUB
RUB
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG

HOW IS IT? HE DEAD?
...NO.

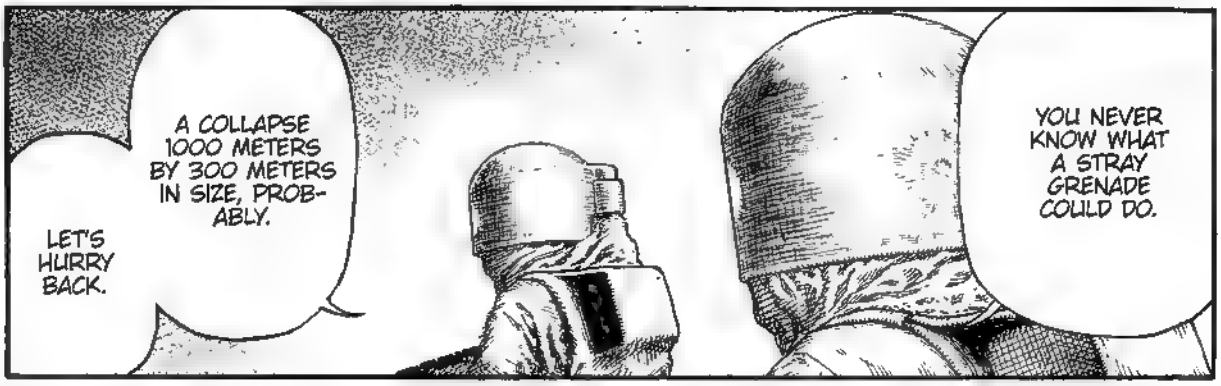
THESE MUST BE THE TWO WHO FIRED THE SHOTS. THERE ARE TWO GUNS ON THE GROUND.
Do you see anything there?
Give me the sitrep
YEAH, THERE ARE TWO OF THEM LYING HERE.
...Only two of them?
GIMME A SEC.

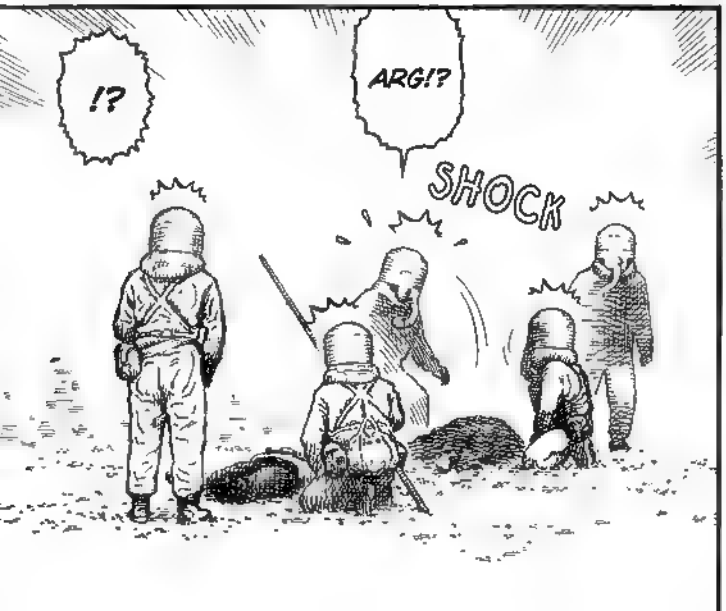
HE'S FAST ASLEEP.
If you hit him enough he'll probably wake up
SO HE ISN'T PRETENDING TO SLEEP?
WHAT?
STAB
NNGA.


...HUH?
ZZZZZ
Snore
Snore
ZZZZZ
DEAD ASLEEP.

FIRST CHECK IF THERE ARE ANY TRAPS!
DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING JUST YET!
YE-YES!

HIS WEAPON AND EQUIPMENT SEEM TO BE FROM OUR SIDE.
IS HE A TERRORIST?
HE'S JUST USING STOLEN GEAR.


LET'S HURRY BACK.
A COLLAPSE 1000 METERS BY 300 METERS IN SIZE, PROBABLY.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT A STRAY GRENADE COULD DO.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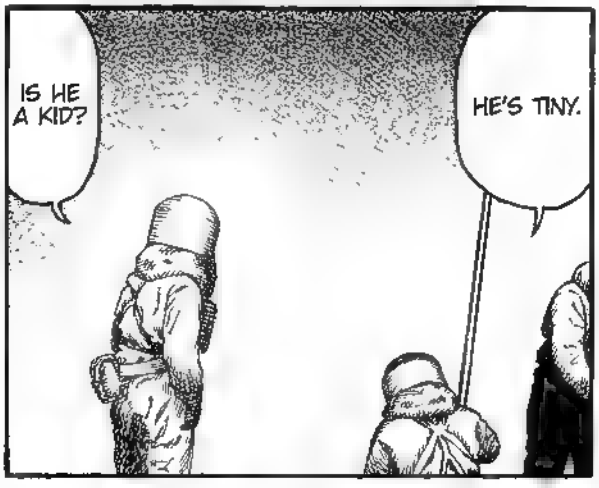
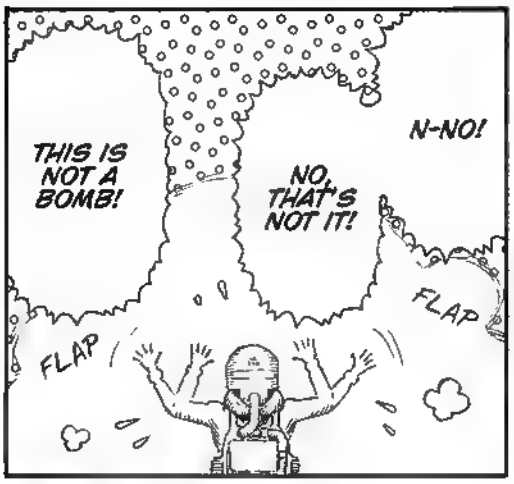
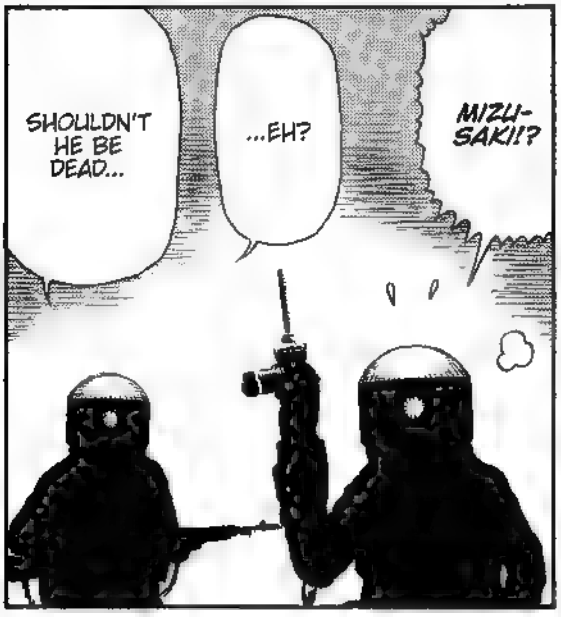
ARG!?
SHOCK

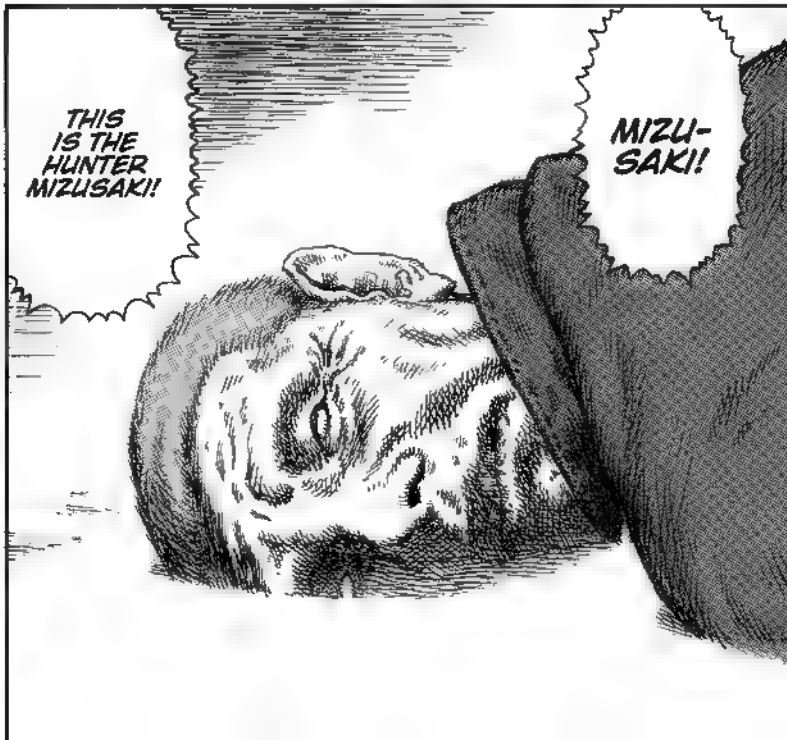

IS HE A KID?
HE'S TINY.


THIS IS NOT A BOMB!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT!
N-NO!
FLAP
FLAP

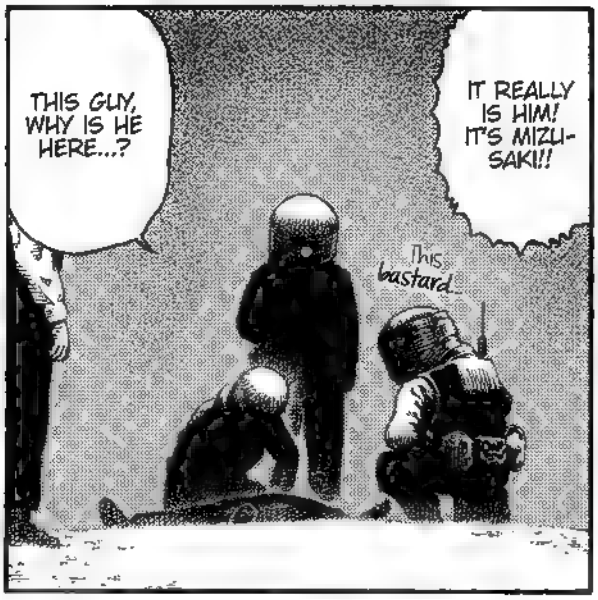
WHAT THE FUCK! DON'T FREAK US OUT LIKE THAT!
TH-THIS...
THIS GUY-

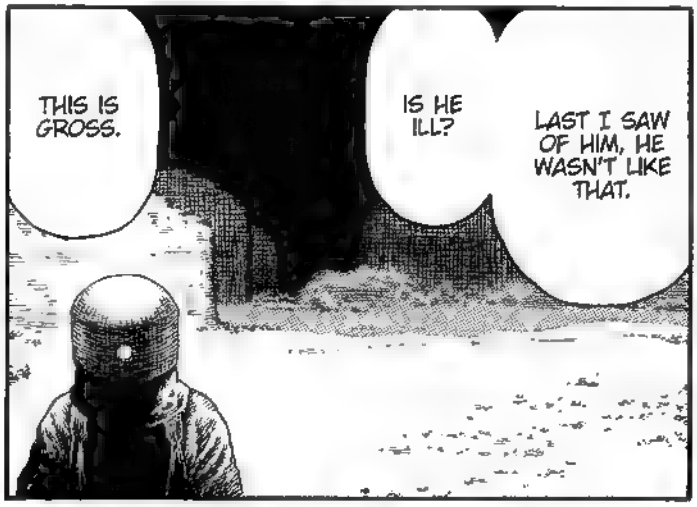
DASH

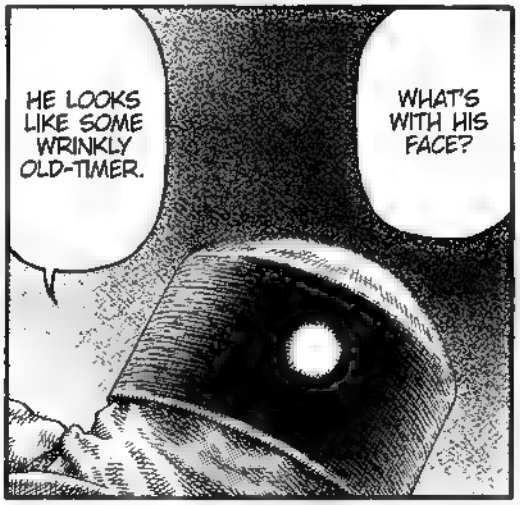

SHOULDN'T HE BE DEAD...
...EH?
MIZU-SAKI!?


THIS IS THE HUNTER MIZUSAKI!
MIZU-SAKI!

SO HE GOT STONED, WENT ON A RAMPAGE, AND NOW HE'S CHILLING HERE?
TSK!
HE'S BEEN TAKING STIMS.
This thing was underneath him.

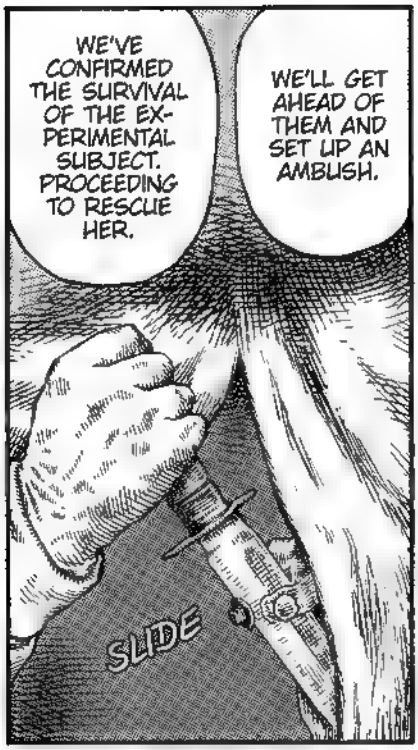

THIS GUY, WHY IS HE HERE...?
IT REALLY IS HIM! IT'S MIZUSAKI!!
This bastard

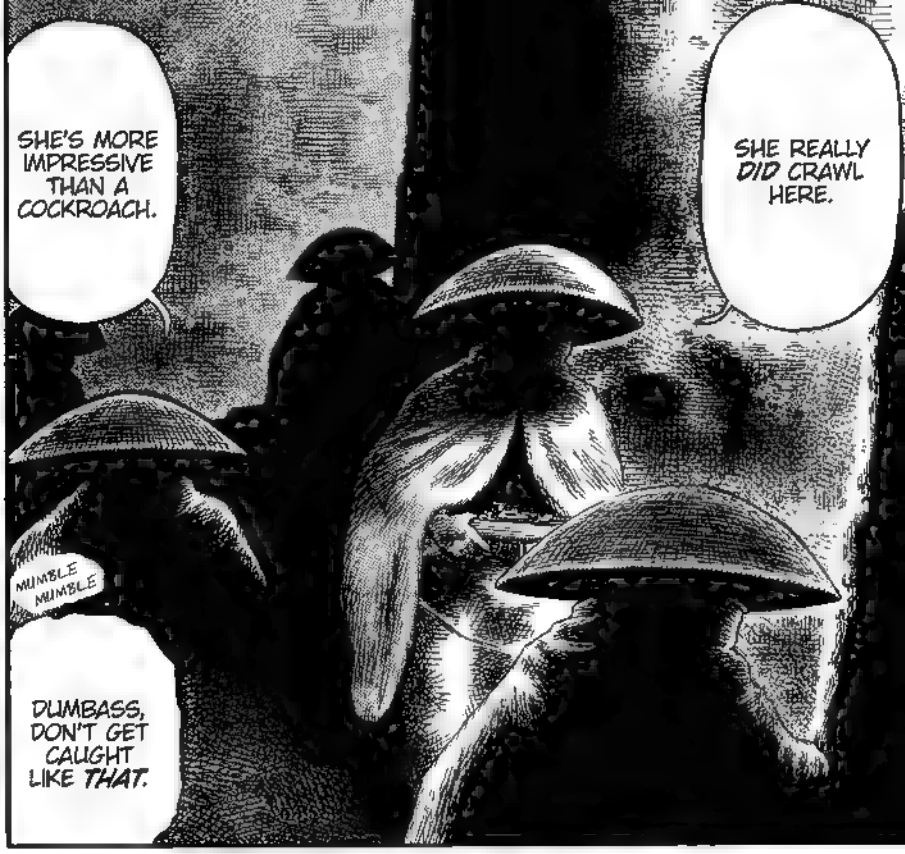

THIS IS GROSS.
IS HE ILL?
LAST I SAW OF HIM, HE WASN'T LIKE THAT.

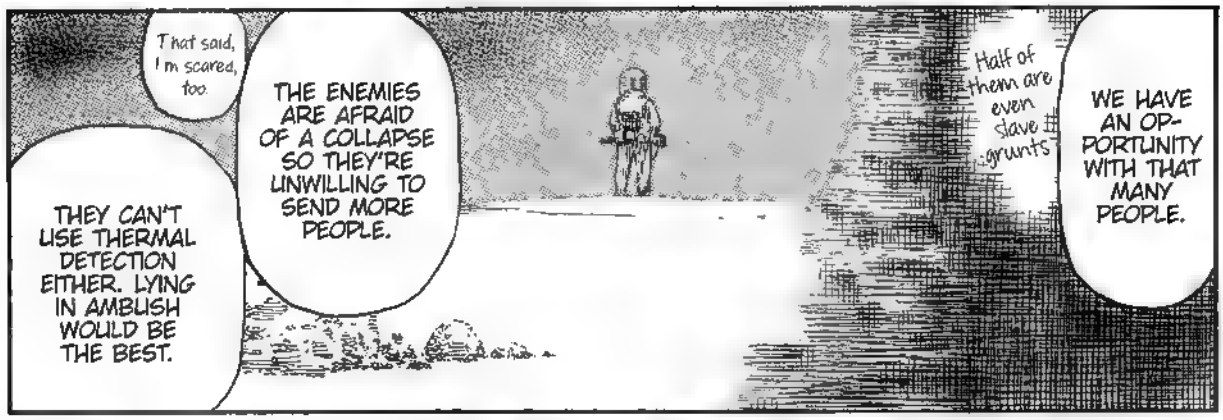

HE LOOKS LIKE SOME WRINKLY OLD-TIMER.
WHAT'S WITH HIS FACE?

Quick, let's head back.
LET'S BRING THEM BACK AND CALL IT A DAY.
..Heck This is dumb
ANYWAYS, THESE ARE THE TWO BEHIND THE SHOOTING.
WHAT ABOUT THIS MIDGET HERE? IS HE HIS FELLOW JUNKIE?

EVEN A DRAGON HUNTER IS NOTHING BUT TRASH IF HE TURNS OUT LIKE THIS.


WE'VE CONFIRMED THE SURVIVAL OF THE EXPERIMENTAL SUBJECT. PROCEEDING TO RESCUE HER.
WE'LL GET AHEAD OF THEM AND SET UP AN AMBUSH.
SLIDE


SHE'S MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN A COCKROACH.
SHE REALLY DID CRAWL HERE.
MUMBLE MUMBLE
DUMBASS, DON'T GET CAUGHT LIKE THAT.


That said, I'm scared, too.
THE ENEMIES ARE AFRAID OF A COLLAPSE SO THEY'RE UNWILLING TO SEND MORE PEOPLE.
THEY CAN'T USE THERMAL DETECTION EITHER. LYING IN AMBUSH WOULD BE THE BEST.
Half of them are even slave grunts
WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY WITH THAT MANY PEOPLE.

WAH!
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THUD
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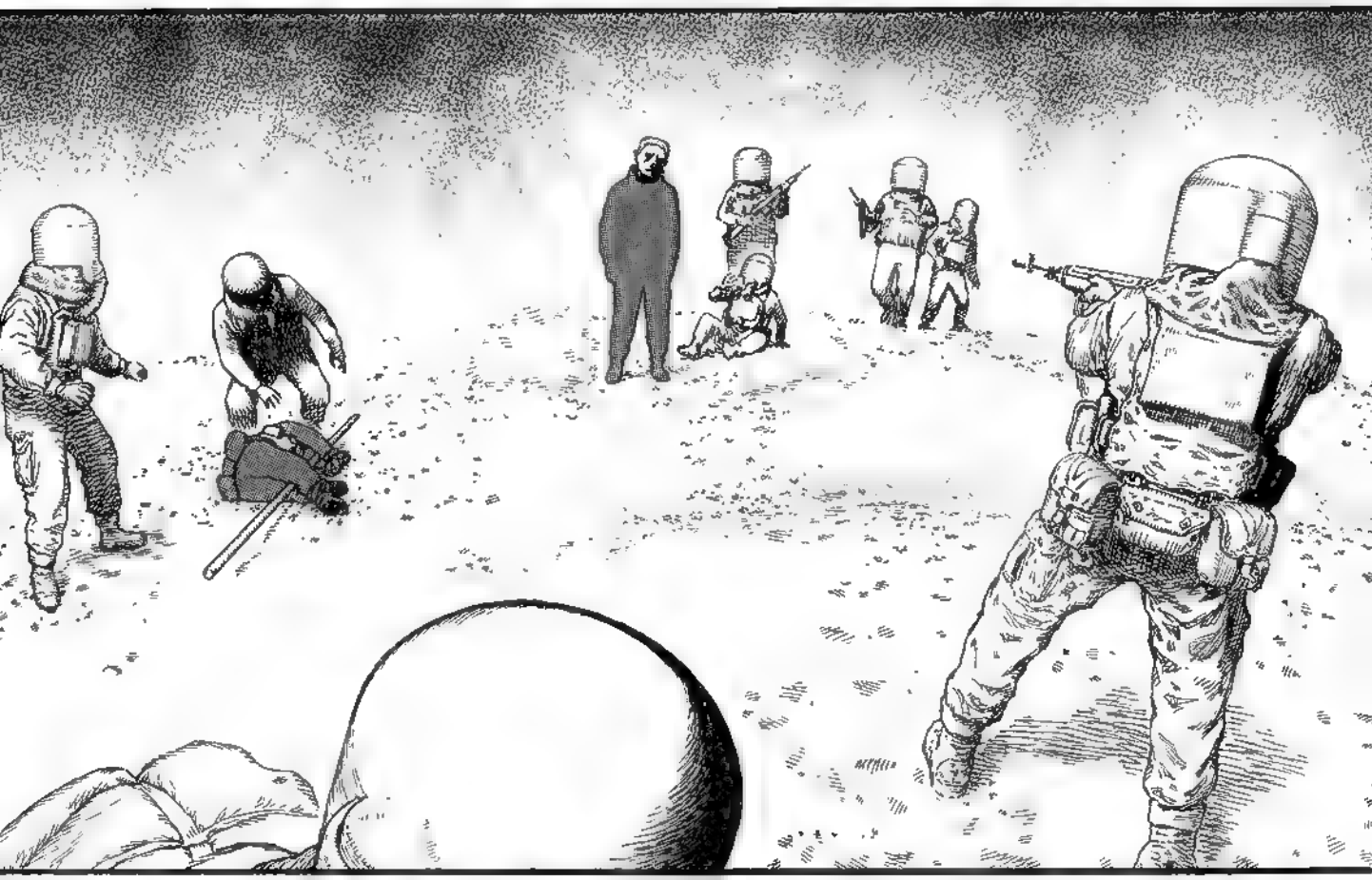
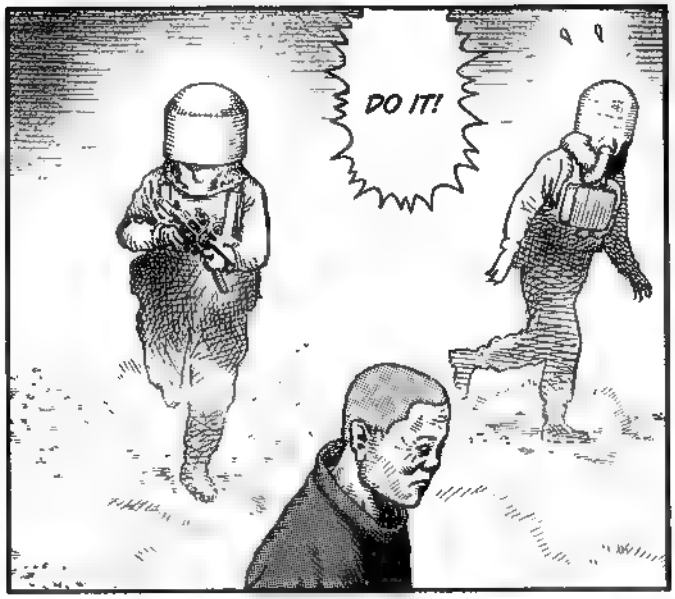
SLAM
UHG!!
WHAT THE HELL!?
THUD
...SHIT!

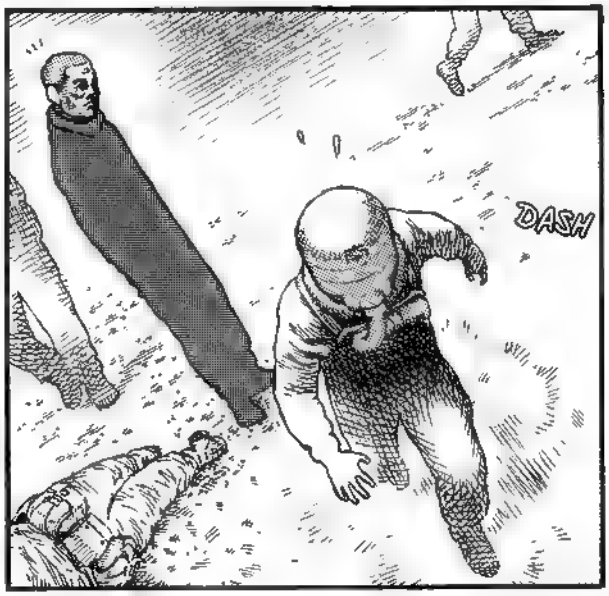


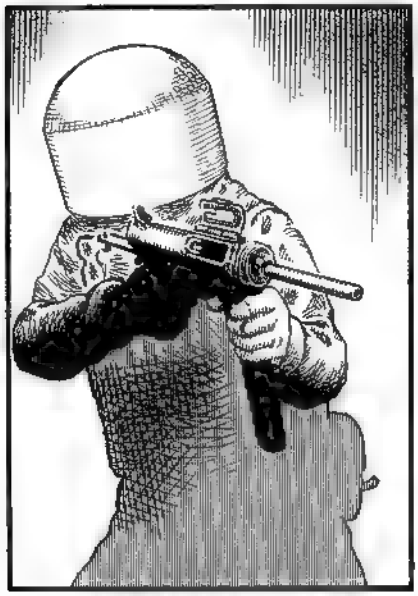
SPIN
SPIN
YOU FUCK!
THUD
CRASH
CRACK


DO IT!

THIS FUCKER!
UGH

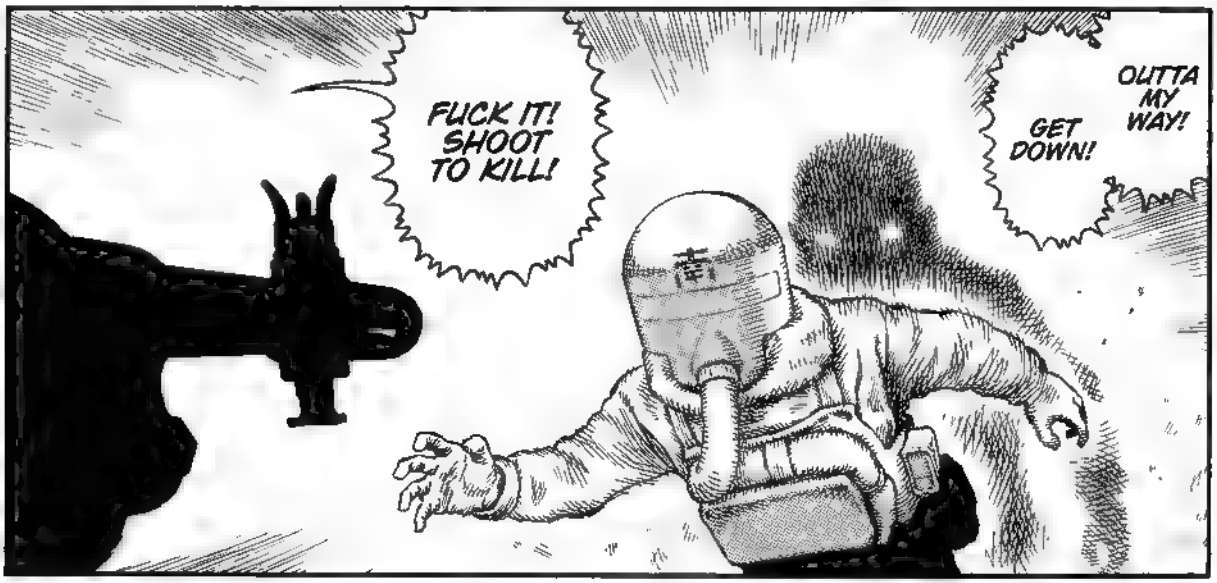
SMIRK
DRIFT


DASH

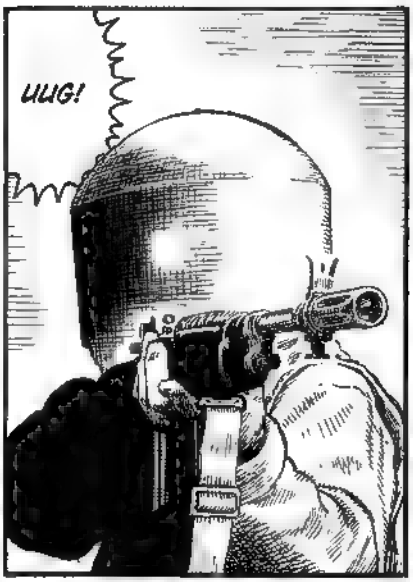


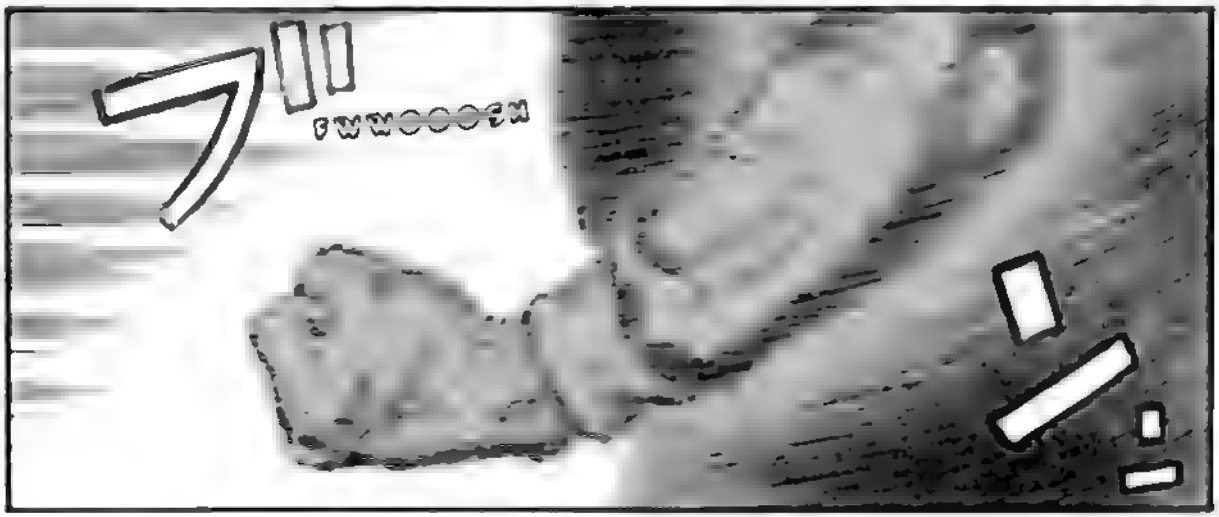
STEP

DON'T MOVE!
WAH!
WAH!
TSK!! I CAN'T SHOOT!
I'M GONNA SHOOT!

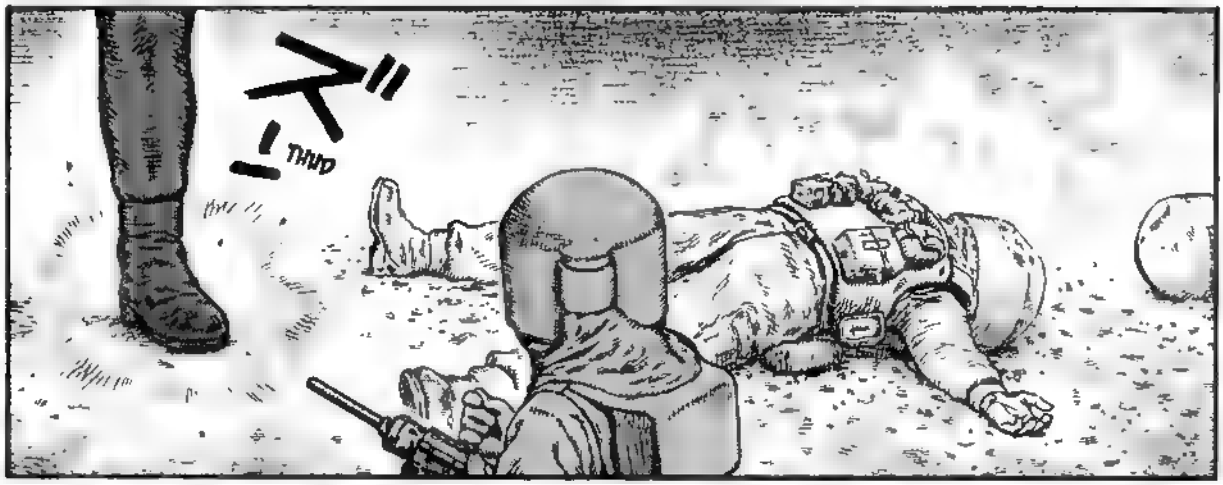

FUCK IT! SHOOT TO KILL!
GET DOWN!
OUTTA MY WAY!

LOOM

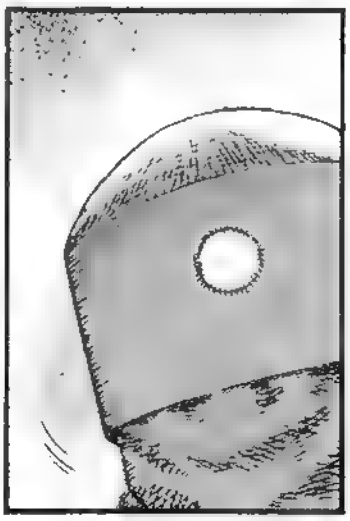

UUG!

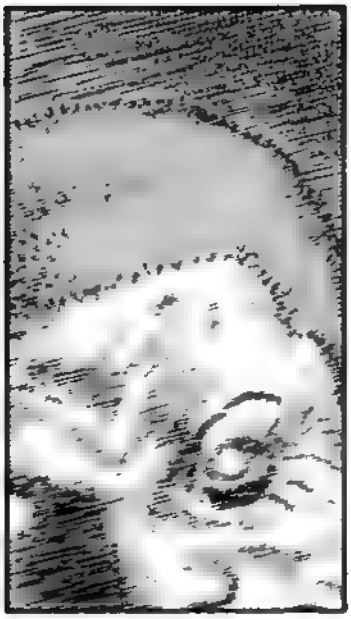

ウ!!
ZWWOOOOSH

CRASH
THUD

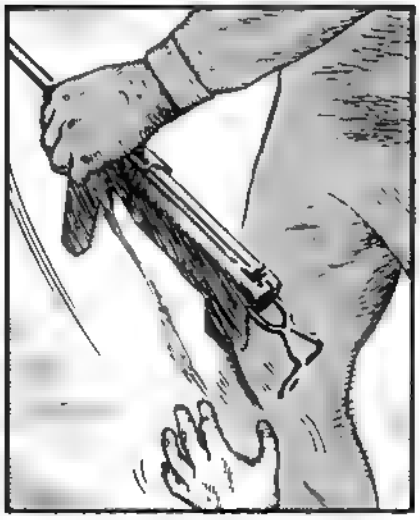

THUD

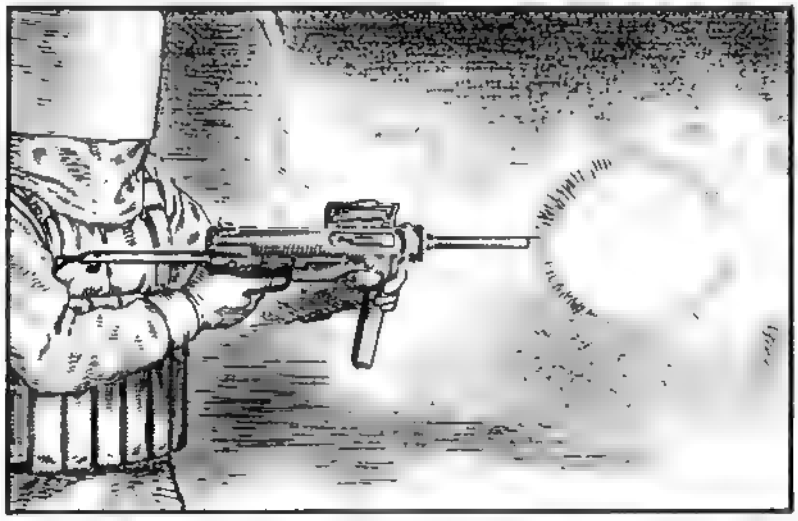
IT WON'T BUDGE!
KACHAK KACHAK
TH-THE LEVER!
STEADY, STEAD-Y...





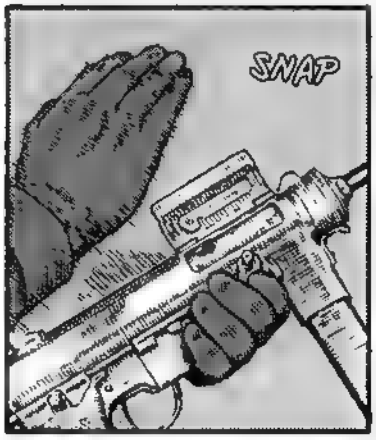
GET DOWN!

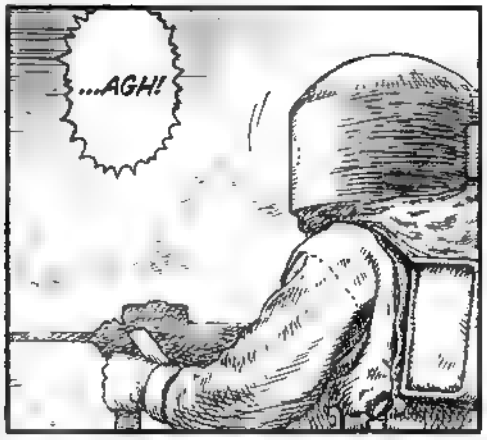




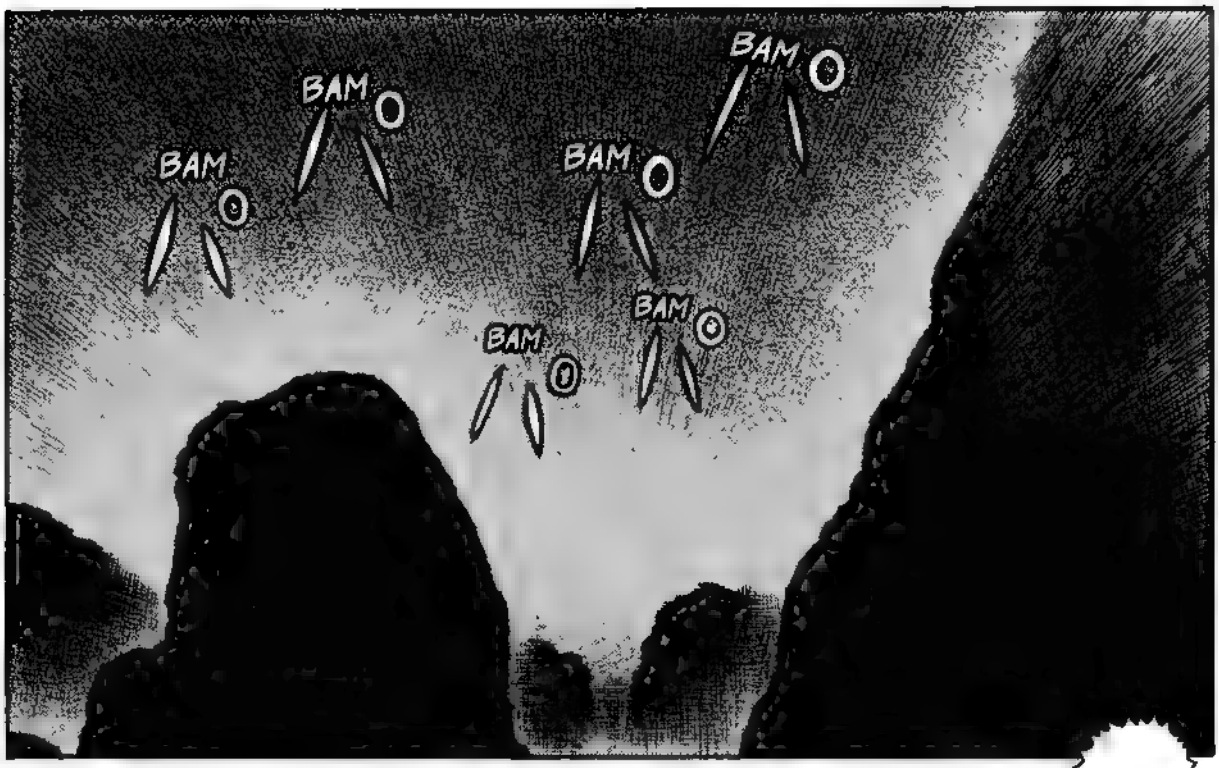
UGH!
THUD !!

KACHUNK


SNAP


...AGH!

BANG
BANG


BAM
BAM
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NAMIKAWA SQUAD! PLEASE RESPOND!
BANG
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TA
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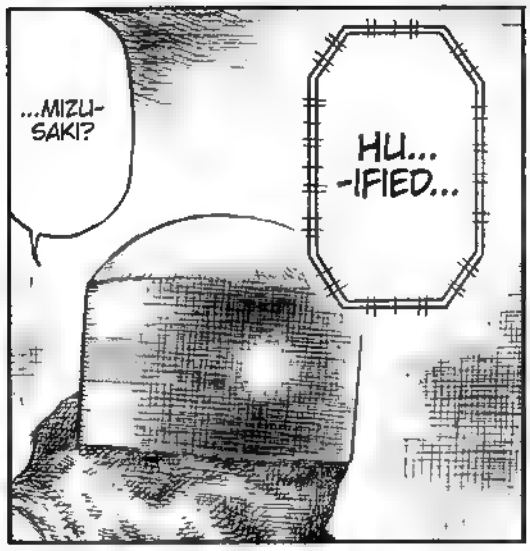
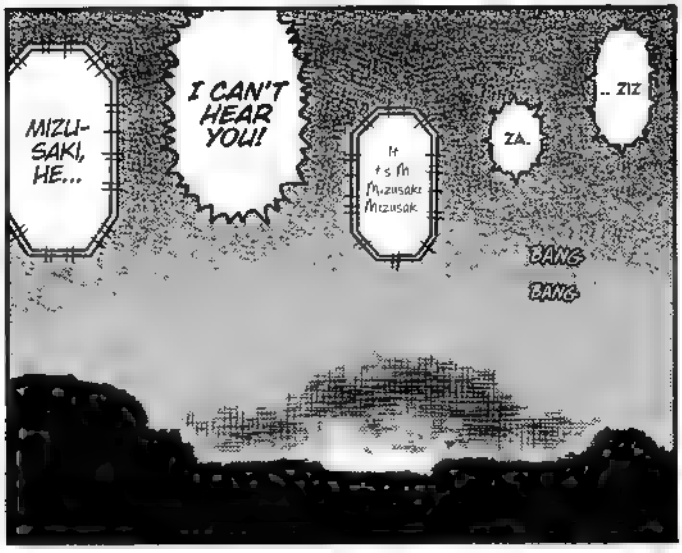
TA
WHAT!?
WHAT HAP-PENED!?


...MIZU-SAKI?
HU... -IFIED...


MIZU-SAKI, HE...
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
ZA.
.. ZIZ
BANG
BANG

RATATATATATATATATATATATA

Shit

UERGH!

Mutter..

UUUHS

SHOCK

WE HAVE FIVE IN-JURED!

HE TOOK OUR GUNS!

TSK, WHAT THE FUCK ARE THEY DOING?

HEY!

AN-SWER ME!

...

ARE YOU OKAY!?

NAMI-KAWA!

YOU MEAN THAT MIZU-SAKI?

DIDN'T YOU SAY "MIZUSAKI" OR SOME-THING?

THIS IS TEAM A, WE CAN'T SEE ANY-THING!

TO ALL OF YOU ON LOOKOUT! WHAT DO YOU SEE?

THAT TRASHY PIECE OF SHIT?

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR SENDING SO FEW MEN.

IS IT THE ENEMY!?

WHAT NOW? HQ'S GETTING DONE IN.

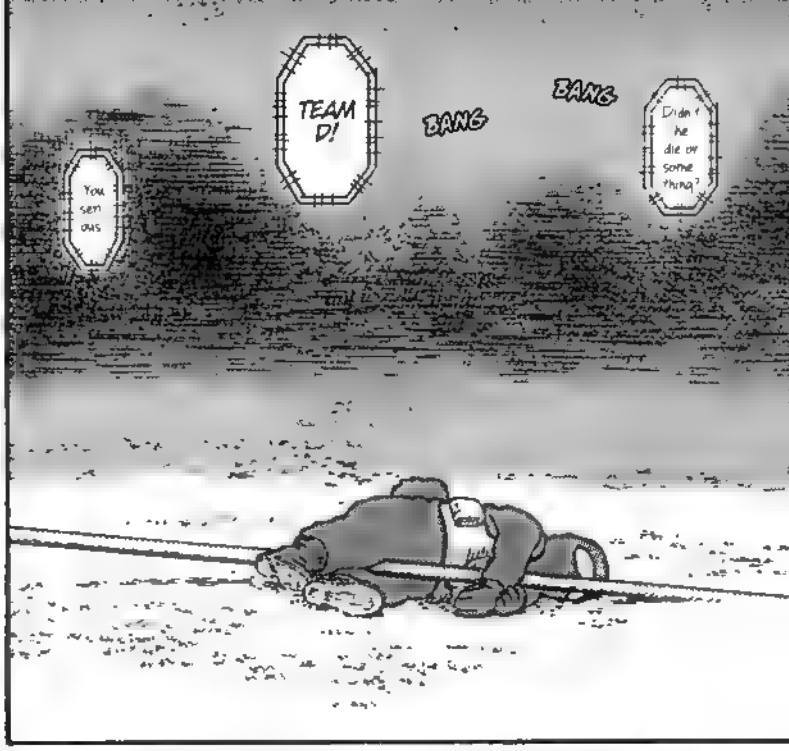
FUCK-ING SISSY!

IF YOU'RE ONLY SENDING A FEW, DON'T BOTHER SENDING ANY AT ALL!

Shit..

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! IF YOU'RE GONNA SEND, SEND A BUNCH OF 'EM!

WHAT'S WRONG? TEAM D! ANSWER ME!
Hey
Leave it to me

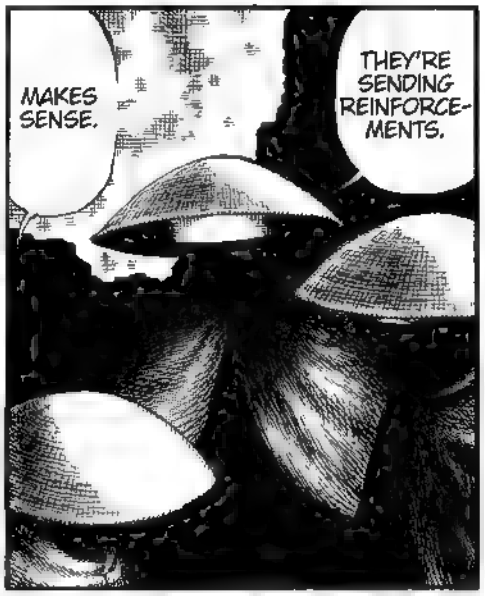

TEAM D!
BANG
BANG
You sen ous
Didn't he die or some thing?

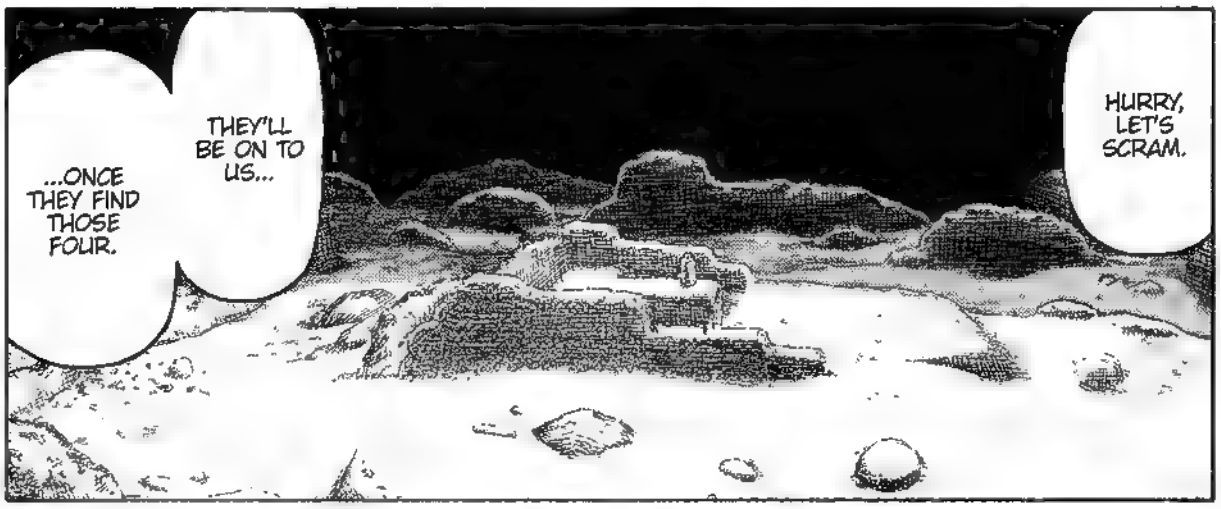
WE KNOW NOTHING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RUIN.
This won't do
THIS IS TEAM D.
There's not even one piece of proper equipment
They said they'd send reinforcements, but who on earth would go?

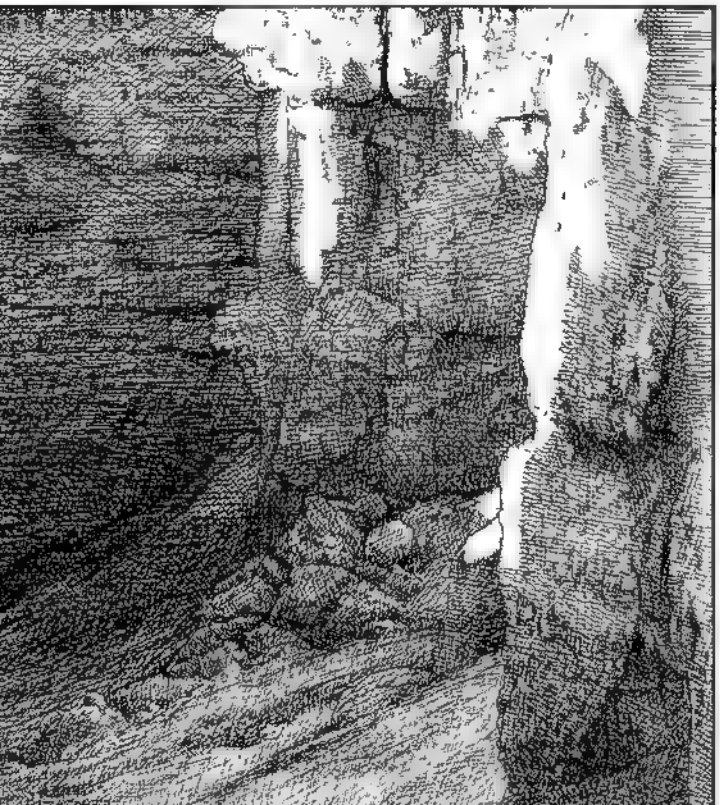
There should have been five that we sent over
THAT'S HARSH. ARE WE JUST GONNA LEAVE THE WOUNDED BEHIND?
dung

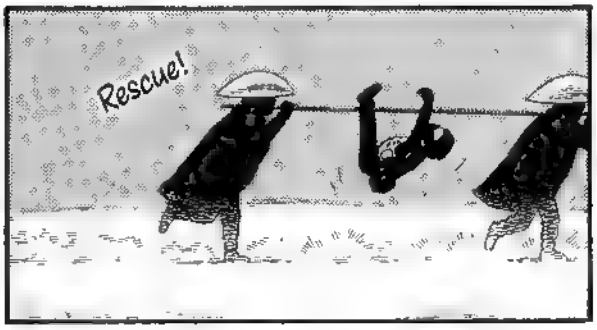
THE SOLDIER HURONFIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
YEAH.
THAT WAS QUITE THE ENCOUNTER.
YEAH, GOT IT.

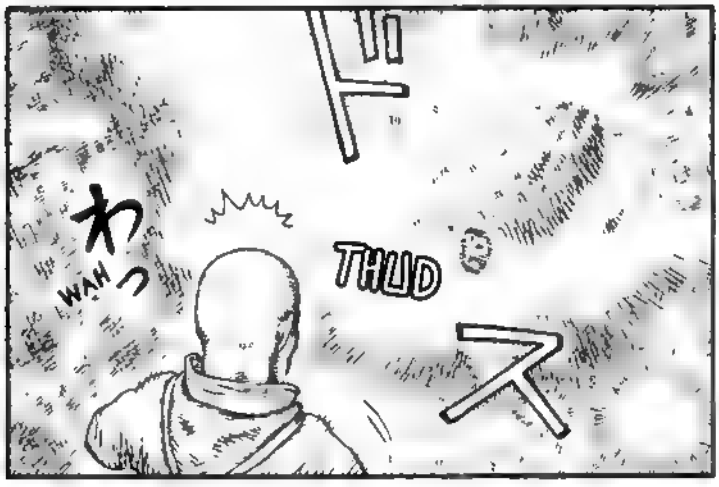
REINFORCE THE SUR-ROUNDING AREA, AND CONTAIN THE ISSUE.
FOR NOW, THEY'RE PLANNING TO GET NAMIKAWA'S SQUAD OUT OF HERE,
BEST THING IS, THEY SAY THEY'RE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEN ON LOOKOUT.


MAKES SENSE.
THEY'RE SENDING REINFORCE-MENTS.


...ONCE THEY FIND THOSE FOUR.
THEY'LL BE ON TO US...
HURRY, LET'S SCRAM.




Rescue!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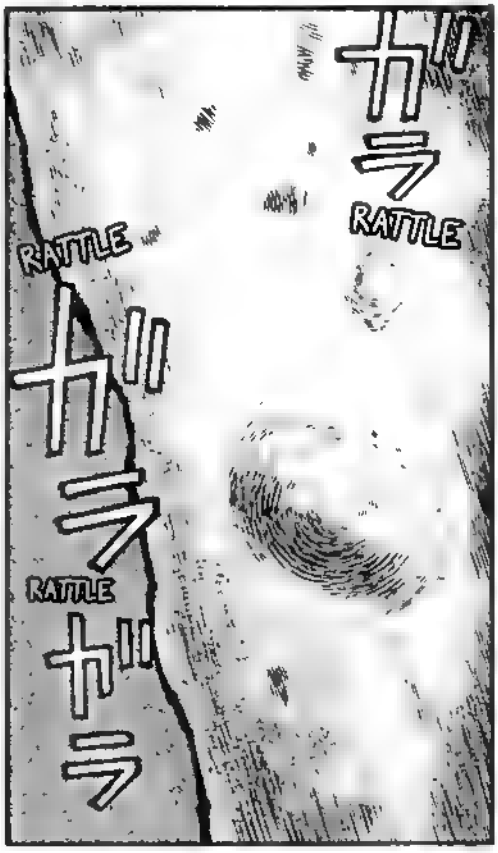
WAH
THUD
ドス

Huh!


カラ
RATTLE
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CRASH
CRASH
W'AAH!!
CRASH
GYAAH!
CRASH

EXHALE
EXHALE

ZAZA.

ANYONE WILL DO!
NAMIKAWA SQUAD, PLEASE RESPOND!
ANSWER ME!

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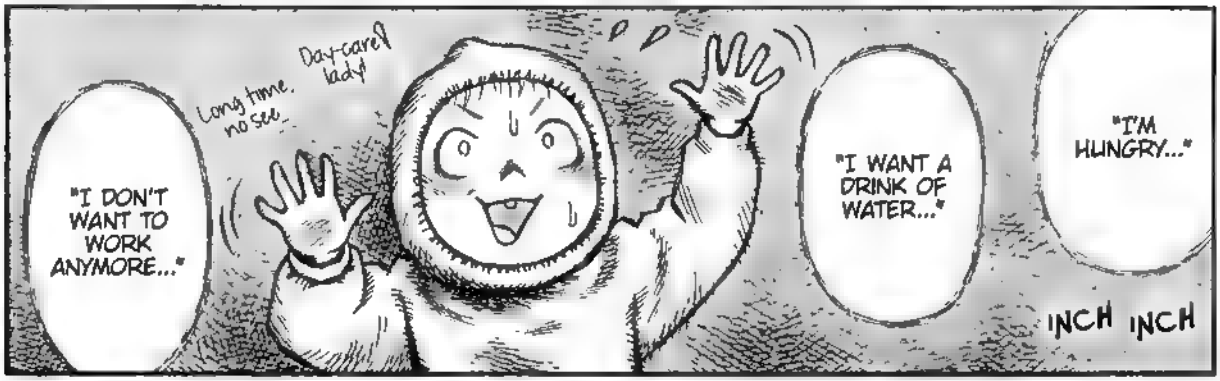
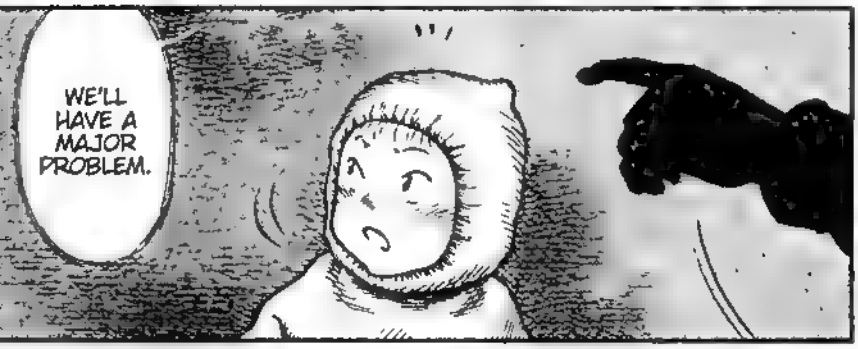
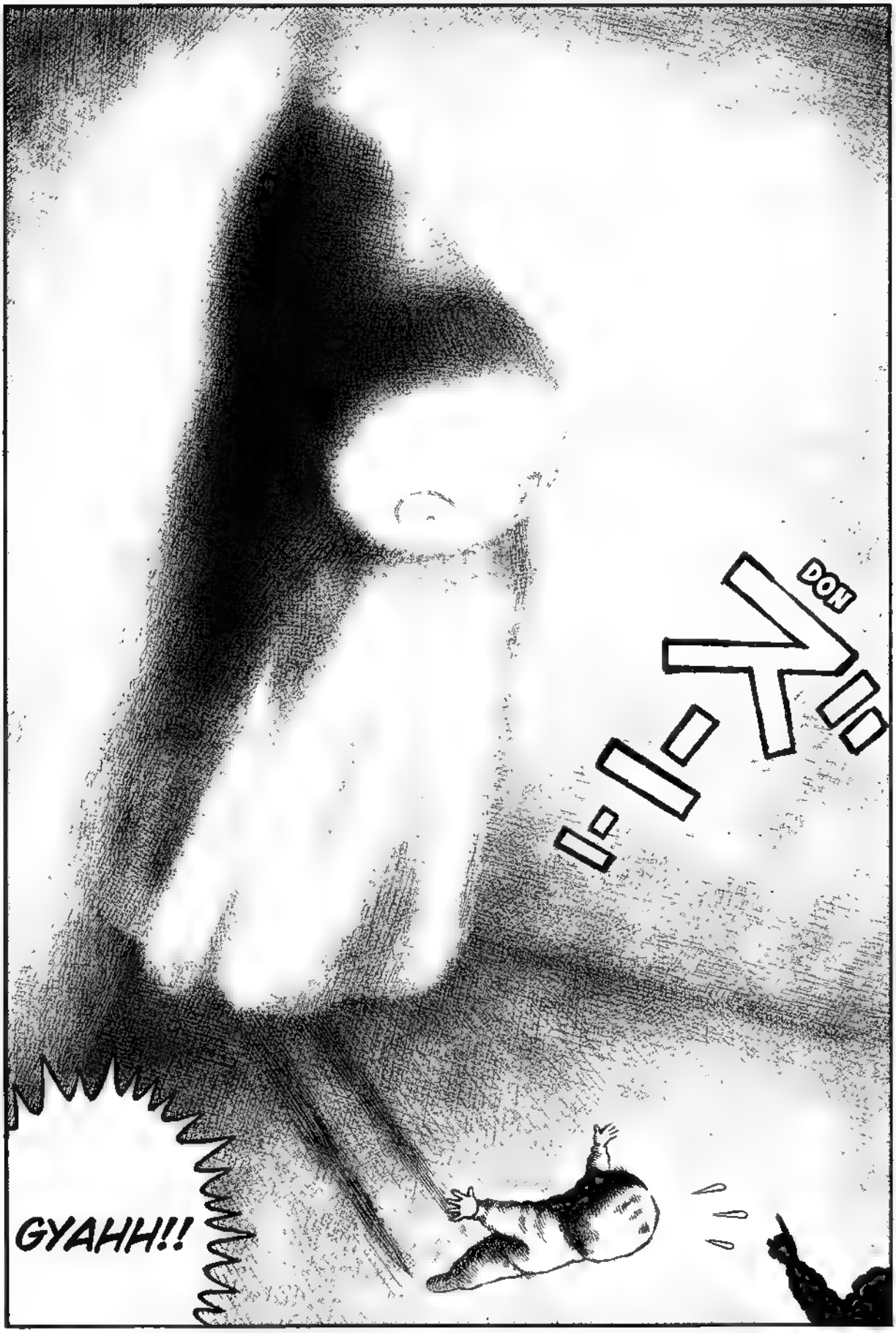
WHO DON'T LISTEN TO WHAT THE ADULTS SAY?
RAGE
ARE THERE ANY NAUGHTY KIDS AROUND HERE...
SHOCKED

APPEAR...
ARE THERE ANY NAUGHTY KIDS AROUND HERE?

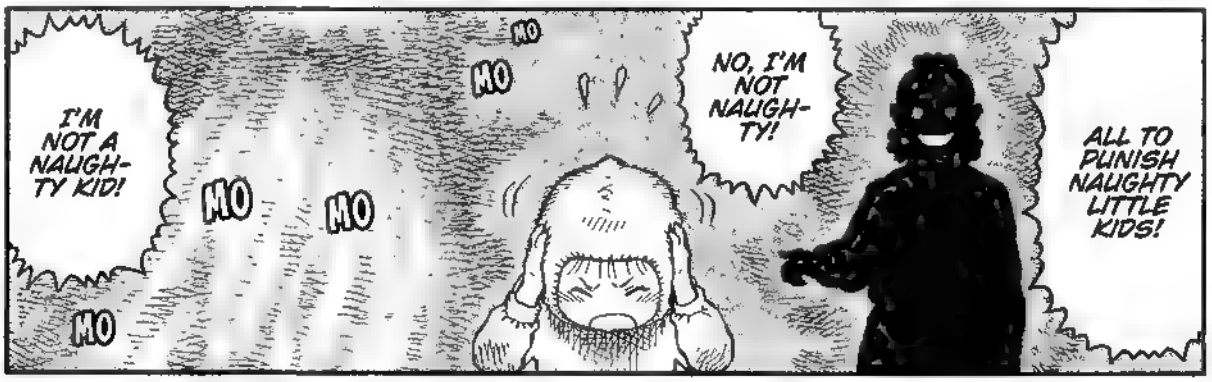

"I DON'T WANT TO WORK ANYMORE..."
Long time, no see.
Day-care lady!
"I WANT A DRINK OF WATER..."
"I'M HUNGRY..."
INCH INCH


WE'LL HAVE A MAJOR PROBLEM.

AND GIVE THE ADULTS TROUBLE...
IF YOU SAY SELFISH THINGS LIKE THAT,
STEP


DON
GYAHH!!

AND DROVE SCORES OF HUMANS TO THEIR DEMISE!
TOMORROW!
BE GOOD WEATHER
LET THERE
HERE COMES THE TERRIFYING EVIL, THE T*RU T*RU BOUZU!
HE TRANSFORMED THE WORLD INTO A LAND OF DESERT, DESTROYING CIVILIZATIONS...
HE'S HERE ALREADY!


I'M NOT A NAUGHTY KID!
MO
MO
MO
MO
MO
NO, I'M NOT NAUGHTY!
ALL TO PUNISH NAUGHTY LITTLE KIDS!

CLICK
WHAT A NAUGHTY KID YOU ARE!
RUSTLE

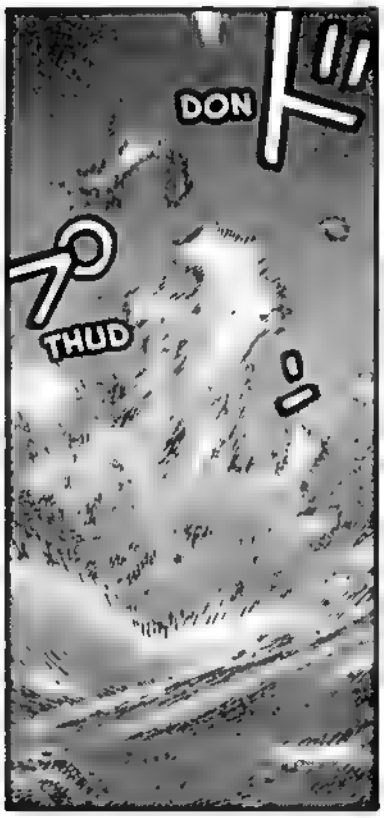
BUT I GUESS I FINALLY DID.
Th-the enemy.. hit me... with his gun and..
I KEPT TELLING AND TELLING MYSELF THAT I MUSTN'T FALL ASLEEP...

YOU FELL ASLEEP.
は
HAH!

DOOOONN

WAH!

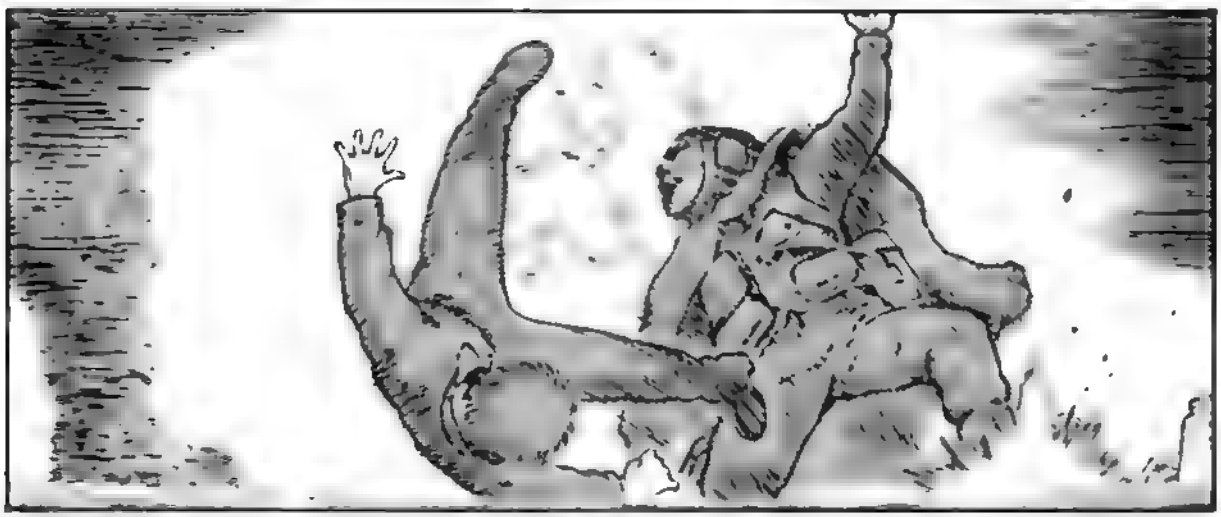
KABAM

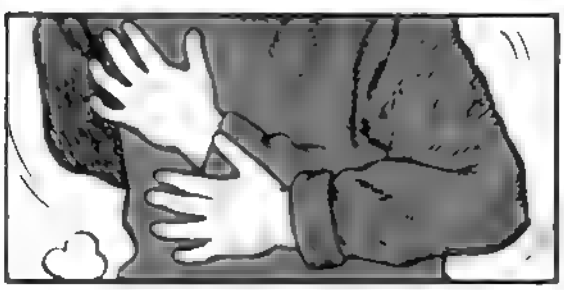


BLUB
BLUB
GLUB
GLUB
POP
PFWAH!
-COUGH-
-COUGH-
EEK!
IZ, IZ DIS...
(IS THIS...)
COO DIS VWE?
(COULD THIS BE?)
SFX: STENCH, BUBBLE BUBBLE, DRIP DROP DRIP DROP
EE, EET STENKS!
(IT STINKS!)
CA-CAN'D BWEEF!
(CAN'T BREATHE!)
Someone spare me from this blend of fermented pee and poop!
TWITCH
TWITCH
UUHG...
STINKS...
IT STIIINKS...
PUMP
PUMP
HAH

SMACK

YO.





MY GUN!?

THUMP

HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
HIIIIYEE!
THAT FUCKING HURTS! THE FUCK ARE YOU DOING!?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
THAT...

GET A GRIP ALREADY.
GUSH
GUSH
He took the hit
BLANK
OH? AKIO?

HAH!

RWWH
SCREECH
B TEAM!!

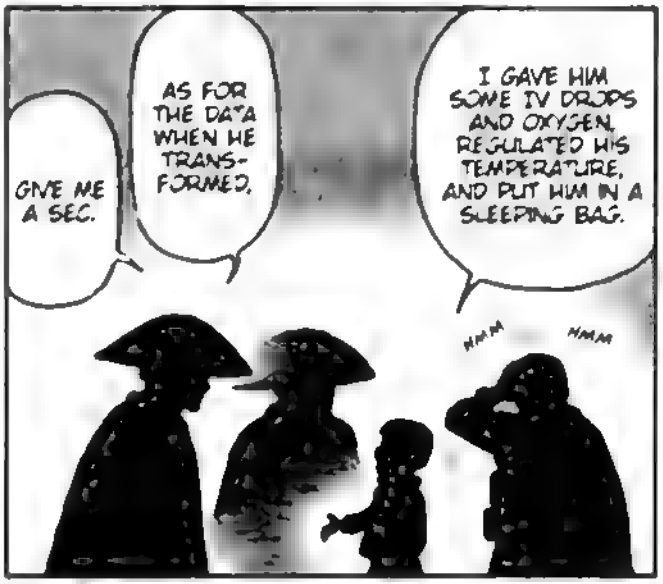
STOP CRYING, WE'RE NOT DONE YET!
Ooooohhh-
Taank youuuu
Sohw sohw muchhhw!
Ae wash and shn bwai aun and didi't knowh what to do aundymoar
Uuuhg...
Sho Ae twyd weaily harwd to cawll twor hewlp
SOB

DID YOU COME HERE TO SAVE ME!?
DO WE LOOK LIKE WE'RE HERE FOR PICNIC?

HE'S CURRENTLY OUT COLD
HE HURONFIED WHEN HE ESCAPED FROM THE UNDERGROUND.
WHERE'S MI'SURU NOW!?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE EXPERIMENT?

NOW THAT WE HAVE THIS MANY PEOPLE HERE, WE CAN IMMEDIATELY CARRY AND EVACUATE MI'SURU.
I BROUGHT IT WITH ME HERE.
Steaming hot
999 GB

RUSH
RUSH
ZOOOOOOD


GIVE ME A SEC.
AS FOR THE DATA WHEN HE TRANSFORMED,
I GAVE HIM SOME IV DROPS AND OXYGEN, REGULATED HIS TEMPERATURE, AND PUT HIM IN A SLEEPING BAG.
HMM
HMM

THE ENEMY SOLDIER HURONIFIED!?

EEHH!?

You're kidding!

A LOT HAS HAPPENED WHILE YOU WERE DEAD ASLEEP.

WE WON'T BE DOING THAT.

HE WIPED OUT THE *ENTIRE* SCOUTING TEAM AND RAN AWAY WHILE COVERING HIS TRACKS.

CURRENTLY, THE ENEMY HQ IS IN COMPLETE CHAOS.

THOUGH I DOUBT THEY'D WANT TO SEND MORE TROOPS INTO THE DANGER ZONE, WHICH IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO FURTHER COLLAPSE.

THE ENEMIES HAVE INCREASED THEIR LOOKOUTS AND SECURED THE SURROUNDING AREA IN ORDER TO CONTAIN THE HURON.

THEY'VE HAD THEIR OWN PEOPLE HURONIFYING OUT OF NOWHERE

WHILE YOU GUYS WERE EXHAUSTED BY ALL THAT'S HAPPENED OVER THE PAST THREE DAYS

As they said, [illegible] seem to come alone

B-BUT! THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WE THAT ACTUALLY MANAGED TO CRAWL OUT, RIGHT?
NOR DO THEY KNOW THAT THE YELLOW SQUAD... TEAM B HAS INFILTRATED.
There has to be something we can do.

UGEH!
SHOCK
THANKS TO THAT, WE CAN'T ESCAPE FROM HERE.

BUT WE'LL BE EXPOSED RIGHT AWAY IF THEY LOOKED INTO THIS PROPERLY.
THEY CURRENTLY THINK THE HURON DID IT.
The footprints of some army boots head inside.
We have yet to find the trail of the Huron.
All of them got done in by a knife
A knife! it's a knife!

THEIR REINFORCEMENTS STUMBLED UPON THE FOUR LOOKOUTS WE KILLED DURING OUR INFILTRATION.
IT'S A BIT TOUGH TO SAY RIGHT NOW...

HE'S BEEN ONTO US SINCE.

...BUT HE MANAGED TO GET AWAY.

HE WAS BEING A NUISANCE WHEN WE WERE DOWN BELOW, SO WE FIXED HIM UP REAL WELL.

SHIIIT... IF ONLY I HAD FINISHED HIM OFF THEN AND THERE.

Things would've gone a lot more smoothly.

SHIT, IF ONLY THAT HURON SCUM HADN'T POPPED OUT OF NOWHERE.

POUT

THAT GUY IS A HUNTER.

WHAT ON EARTH HAP-PENED?

YOU KNEW HIM!? I MEAN YOU TWO DROPPED DEAD RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER, BUT...

HE TOOK OFF WITH A BUNCH OF EXPLOSIVES. HEARD HE WAS A CRACKHEAD.

IT'S THAT HUNTER MIZUSAKI, RIGHT?

ZZ.

HE'S GETTING CHASED, TOO.

AS FAR AS THEIR CONVER-SATIONS OVER THE RADIO ARE CONCERNED, I HAVEN'T HEARD ANY SIGNS THAT THEY KNOW THAT.

DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY.

KI-BEEP..

WHA! THAT MEANS THE FACT THAT YOU GUYS MANAGED TO CRAWL OUT WAS EXPOSED ALL ALONG!?

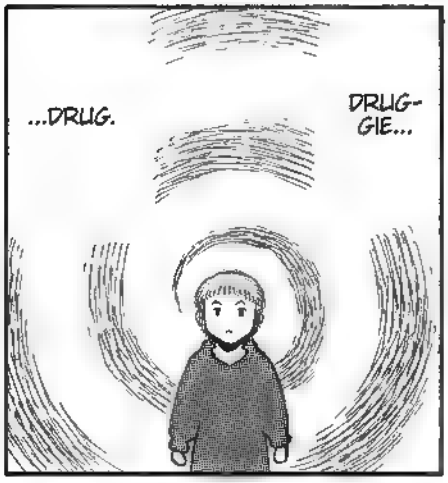
YOU WERE FOL-LOWED!?

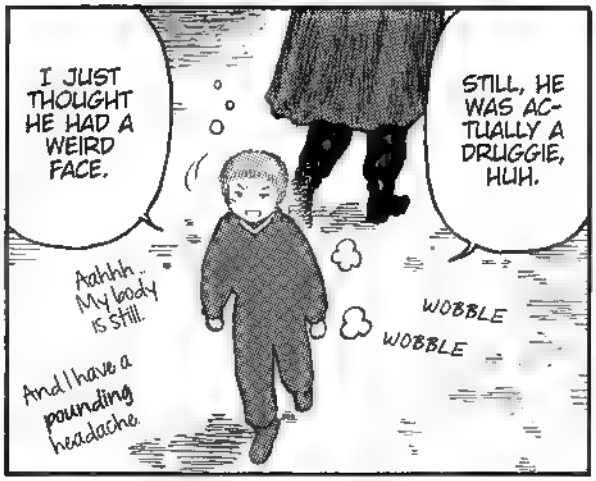
Oh yeah! That would actually be the case!

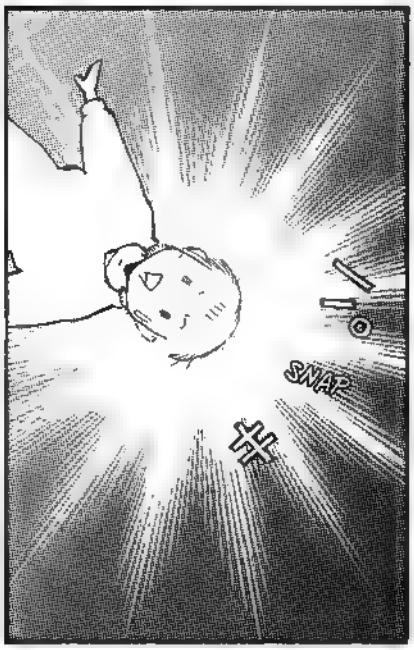
Hah!

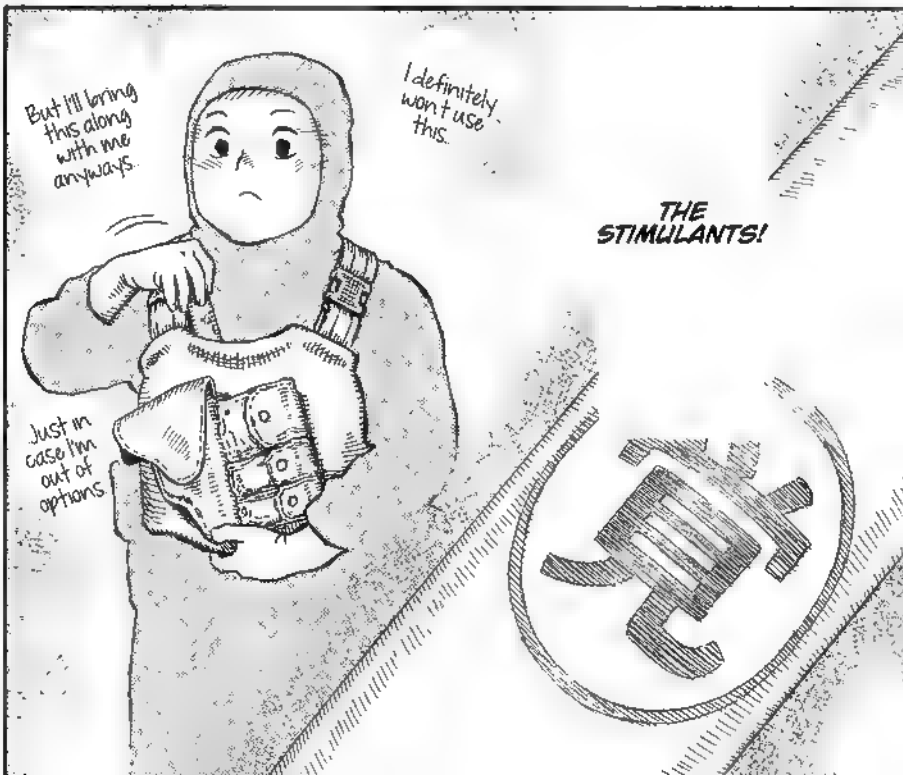
I SEE...
A HUNTER, HUH?...

WELL, I MEAN, IF I'M GONNA DO IT, I'M GOING DO IT ALL THE WAY.
The heck did you do to him?
...
HE MUST REALLLLLY HATE YOUR GUTS!
SWEAT
SO HE DESERTED JUST TO CHASE AFTER YOU.
HEE HEE HEE


...DRUG.
DRUG-GIE...

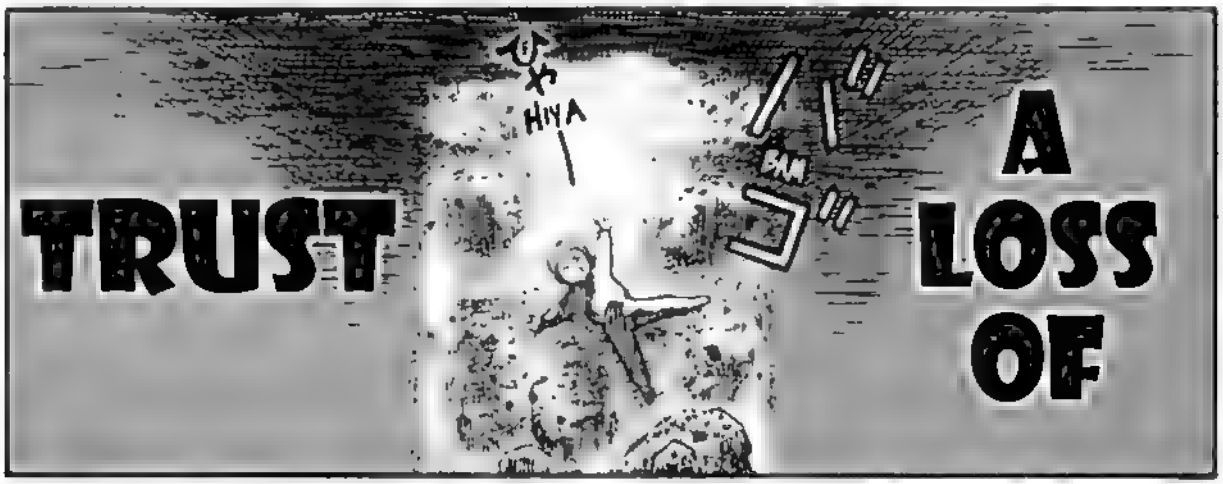

I JUST THOUGHT HE HAD A WEIRD FACE.
STILL, HE WAS ACTUALLY A DRUGGIE, HUH.
Ahhhh.. My body is still.
And I have a pounding headache.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

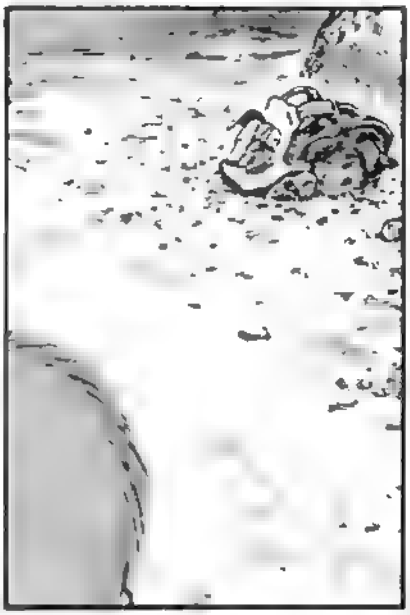

SNAP

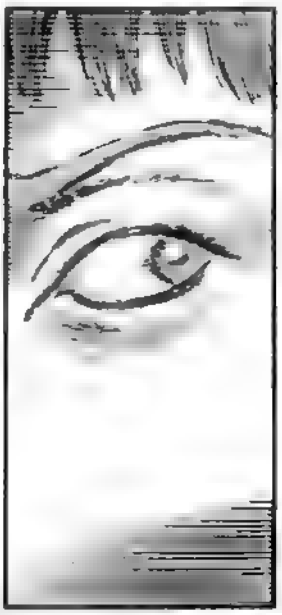

But I'll bring this along with me anyways.
I definitely won't use this.
THE STIMULANTS!
Just in case I'm out of options

"THE DATA WE GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO COLLECT WILL BE SQUANDERED IF EVEN ONE PERSON BREAKS THE RULES."
SWEAT
SWEAT
SWEAT
SWEAT

IF THEY FIND OUT I WAS ACTUALLY CARRYING SOME STIMULANTS AROUND...
TH-THIS IS BAD.


HIYA
BAM
A LOSS OF TRUST





SWEAT
SWEAT
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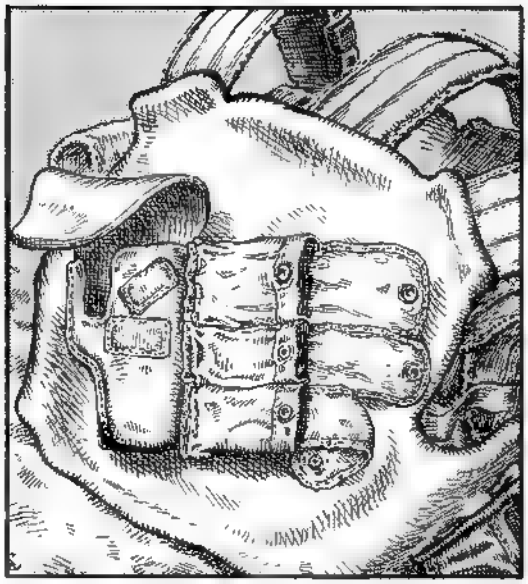
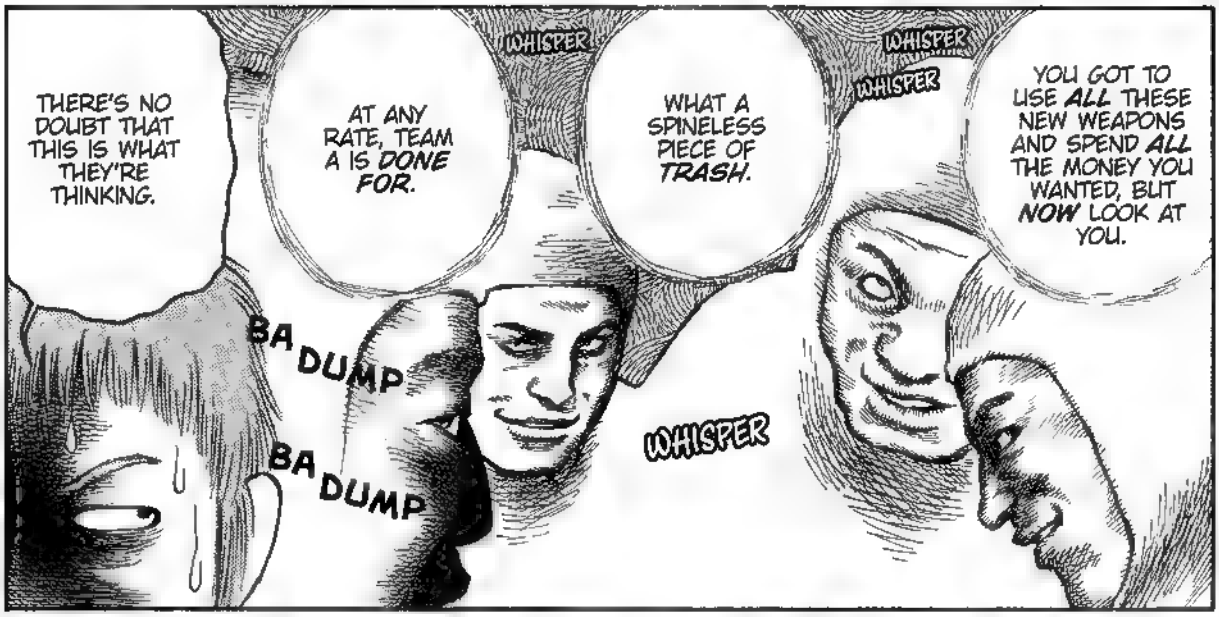
WAS I FOUND OUT FROM THE GET-GO!?

BA-DUMP
WAS I SEARCH-ED!?
IT'S ROUGHED UP!



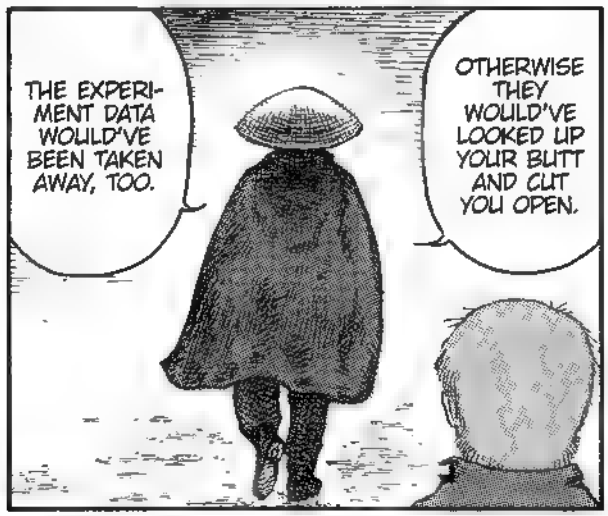

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE THINKING.
AT ANY RATE, TEAM A IS DONE FOR.
WHISPER
WHAT A SPINELESS PIECE OF TRASH.
WHISPER
WHISPER
YOU GOT TO USE ALL THESE NEW WEAPONS AND SPEND ALL THE MONEY YOU WANTED, BUT NOW LOOK AT YOU.
BA DUMP
BA DUMP
WHISPER

I DID DO!
I, I ER...
ERM, W-WELL!
BUT!

EEK!!
THERE IS NOTHING LEFT FOR YOU HERE.
SHOCK

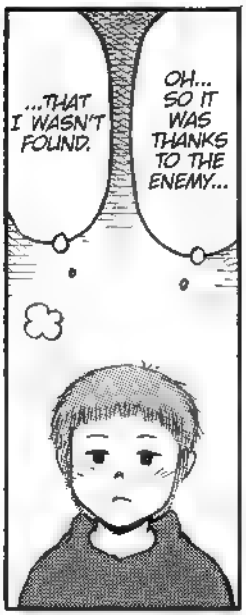
YOU WERE CAPTURED FOR A WHILE.
THE REST OF YOUR STUFF GOT TAKEN BY THE ENEMY.
HUH?

THIS IS YOURS. YOU DROPPED IT.
...OH.

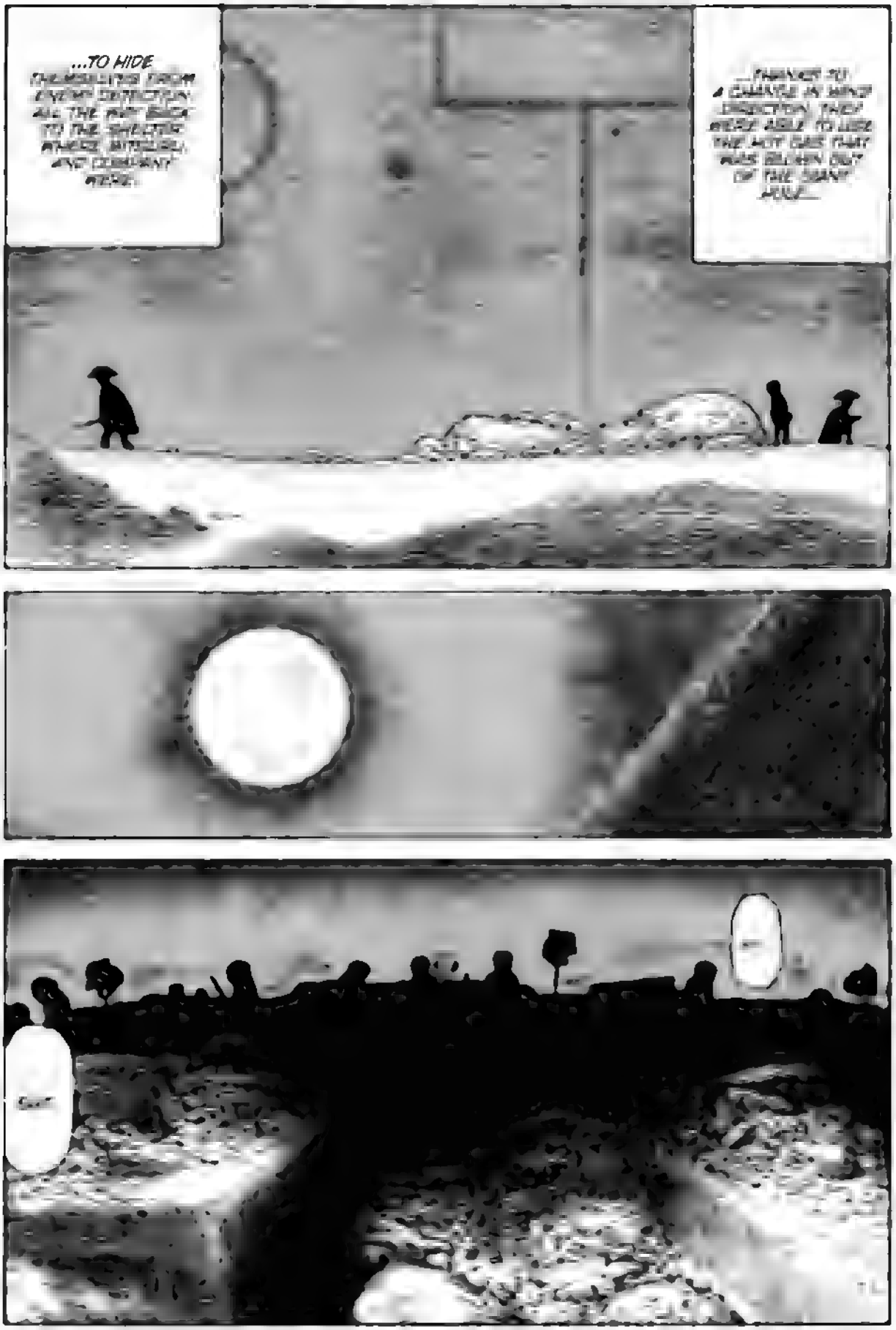

THE EXPERIMENT DATA WOULD'VE BEEN TAKEN AWAY, TOO.
OTHERWISE THEY WOULD'VE LOOKED UP YOUR BUTT AND CUT YOU OPEN.

THANKS TO THE HURON GOING ON A RAMPAGE, YOU WERE SAVED.
IT'S IRONIC, ISN'T IT?

LOOKS LIKE I'M MAKING BLUNDERS ALL OVER THE PLACE.
DAMN...


...THAT I WASN'T FOUND.
OH... SO IT WAS THANKS TO THE ENEMY...

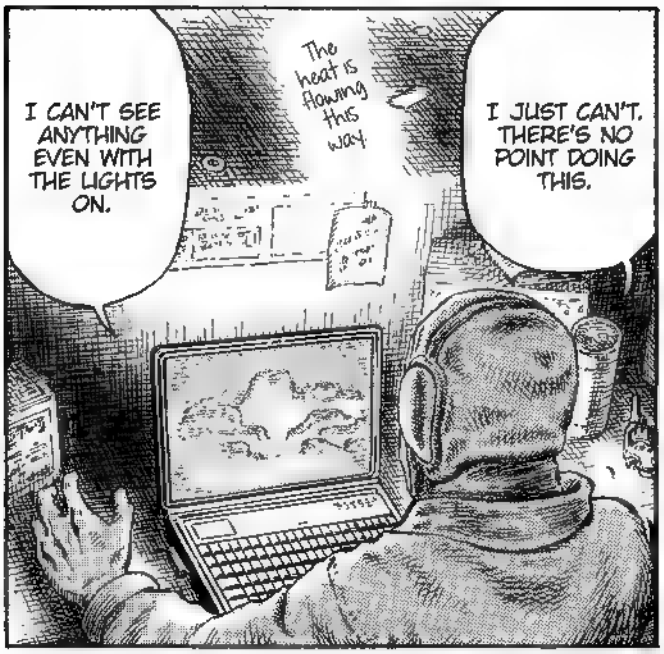
ALL ENEMY JETS HAD FALLEN ON THE DUNE WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA AFTER THE FLAKSH AIRCRAFT.
20 MINUTES LATER, THEY MOVED OUT.
ALTHOUGH THEY HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IMMEDIATELY,

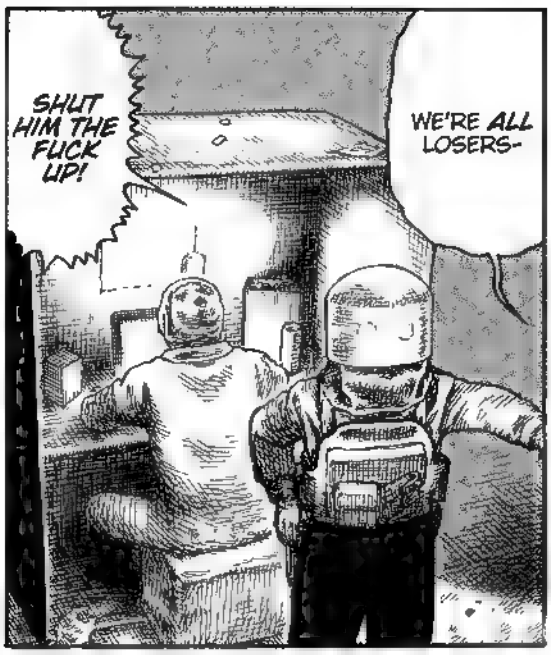

...TO HIDE
THEMSELVES FROM ENEMY DETECTION. ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE SHELTER WHERE MITSURU AND COMMANT WERE.
...THANKS TO A CHANGE IN WIND DIRECTION, THEY WERE ABLE TO USE THE HOT GAS THAT WAS BLOWN OUT OF THE GIANT ANUS...

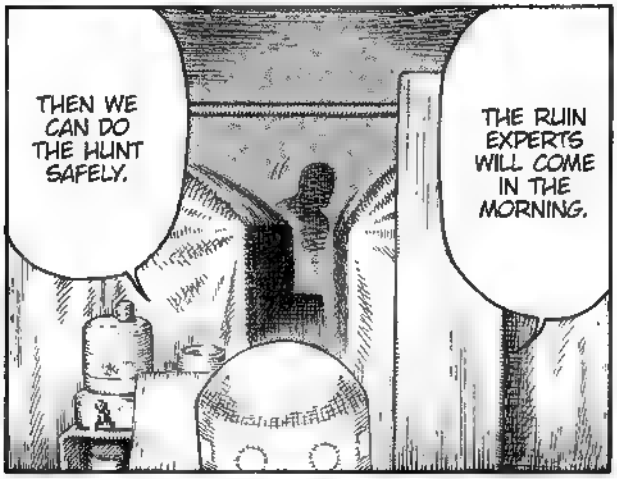
SHIMO-GAMARA IS DEAD

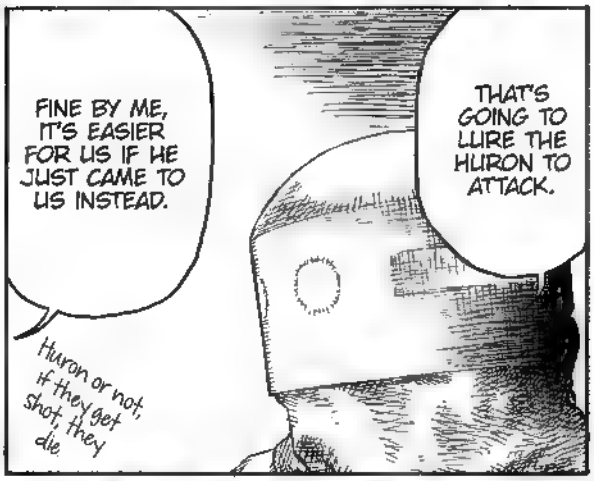
OTOKANA IS ALSO DEAD

KOIBUCHI WAS SENT TO THE HOSPITAL.


I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING EVEN WITH THE LIGHTS ON.
The heat is flowing this way.
I JUST CAN'T. THERE'S NO POINT DOING THIS.


SHUT HIM THE FUCK UP!
WE'RE ALL LOSERS-

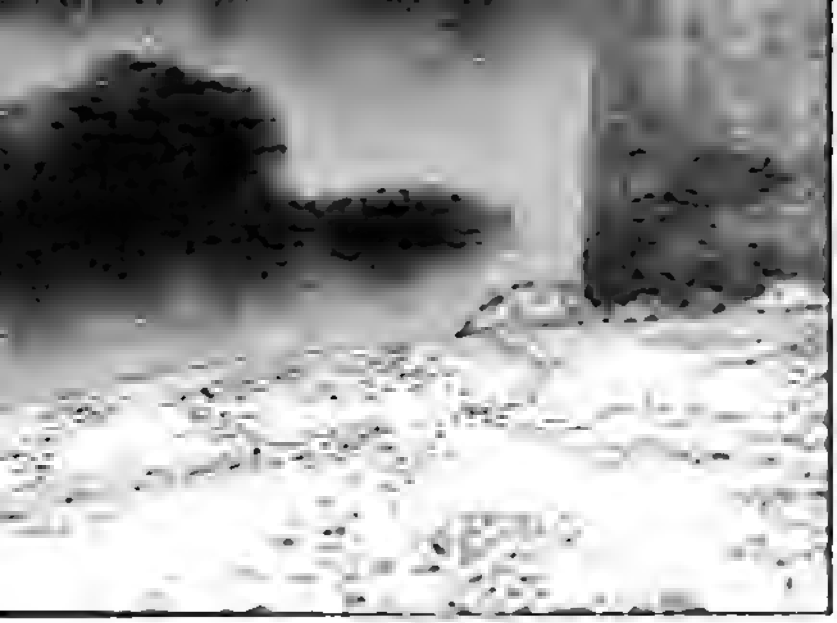

THEN WE CAN DO THE HUNT SAFELY.
THE RUIN EXPERTS WILL COME IN THE MORNING.

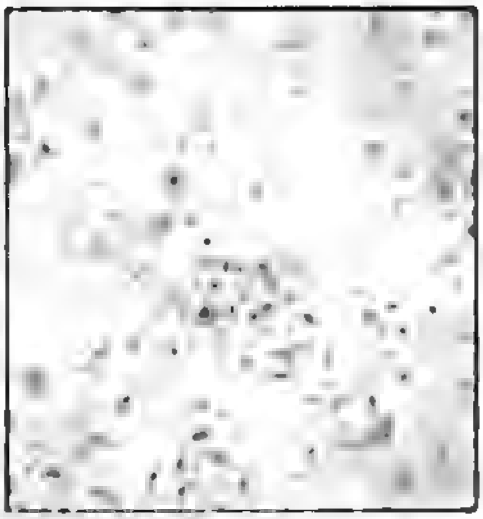

FINE BY ME, IT'S EASIER FOR US IF HE JUST CAME TO US INSTEAD.
THAT'S GOING TO LURE THE HURON TO ATTACK.
Huron or not, if they get shot, they die.

WE'RE PROBABLY ALL CURSED.
WAH!

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE.
WE'RE DONE FOR...
AAHHHH...

MENACE
MIZUSAKI!
GLARE

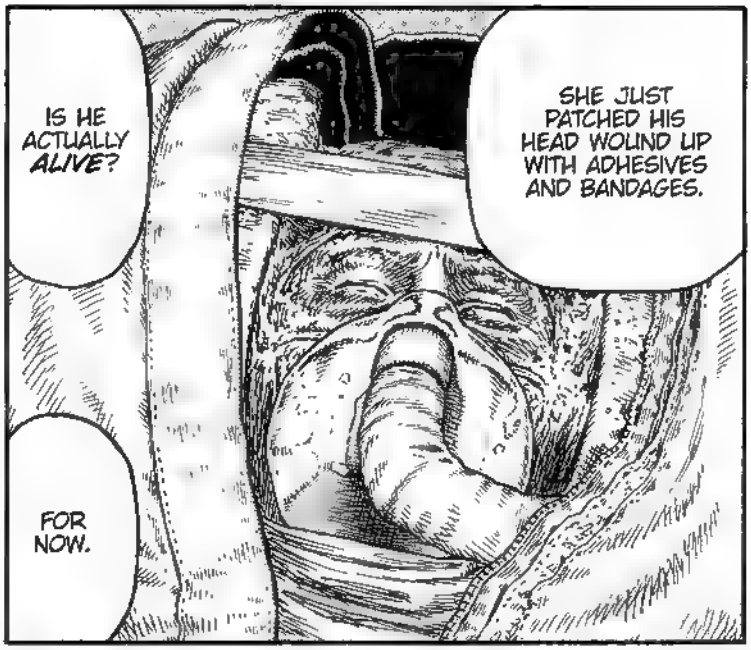




WHAT'S WRONG?
UHUH... WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

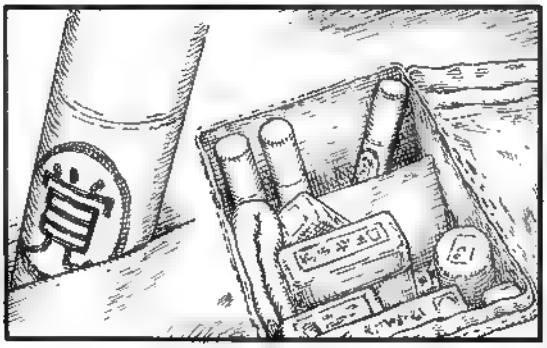
WE CAN DO WITH THIS.
THIS IS A SLEEPING BAG WITH AN INTERIOR FRAME

THERE ISN'T ANY OTHER WAY.
IS IT EVEN OKAY TO MOVE HIM AROUND?

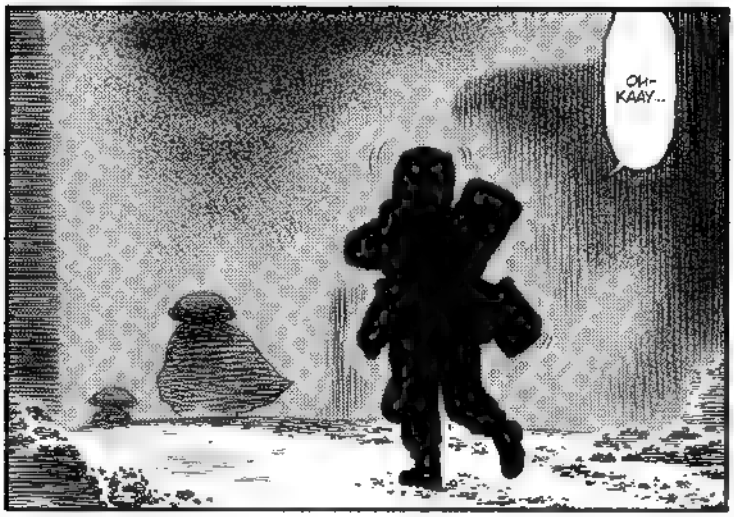

IS HE ACTUALLY *ALIVE*?
SHE JUST PATCHED HIS HEAD WOUND UP WITH ADHESIVES AND BANDAGES.
FOR NOW.

DID YOU REALLY COLLECT ALL OF THESE ON YOUR OWN AFTER COMING UP?
OXYGEN TANKS AND CAMOUFLAGE SHEETS...

PEEK



THAT'S AMAZING.
THE ENEMY HAD A SUPPLY DEPOT, SO I MADE UP SOME RANDOM EXCUSE...
IT'S NOTHING.
SLURP



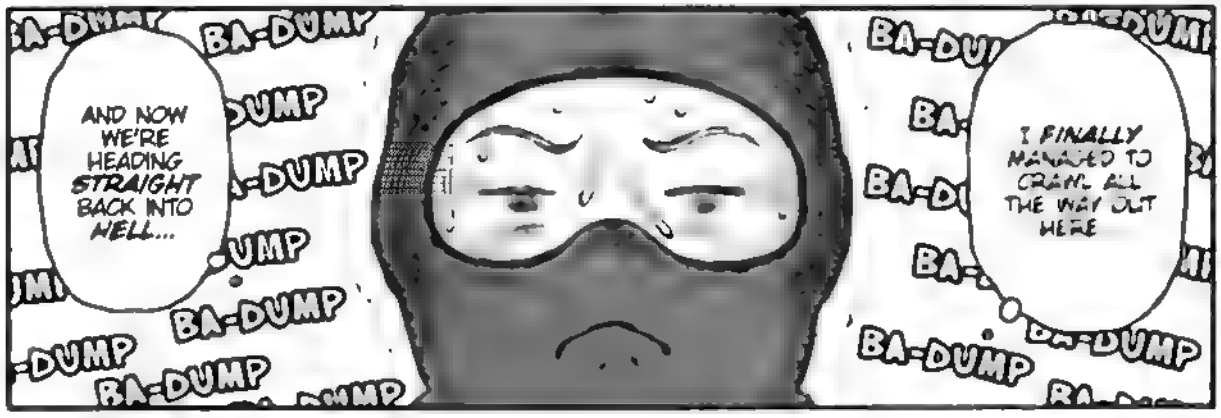
New escape plan:

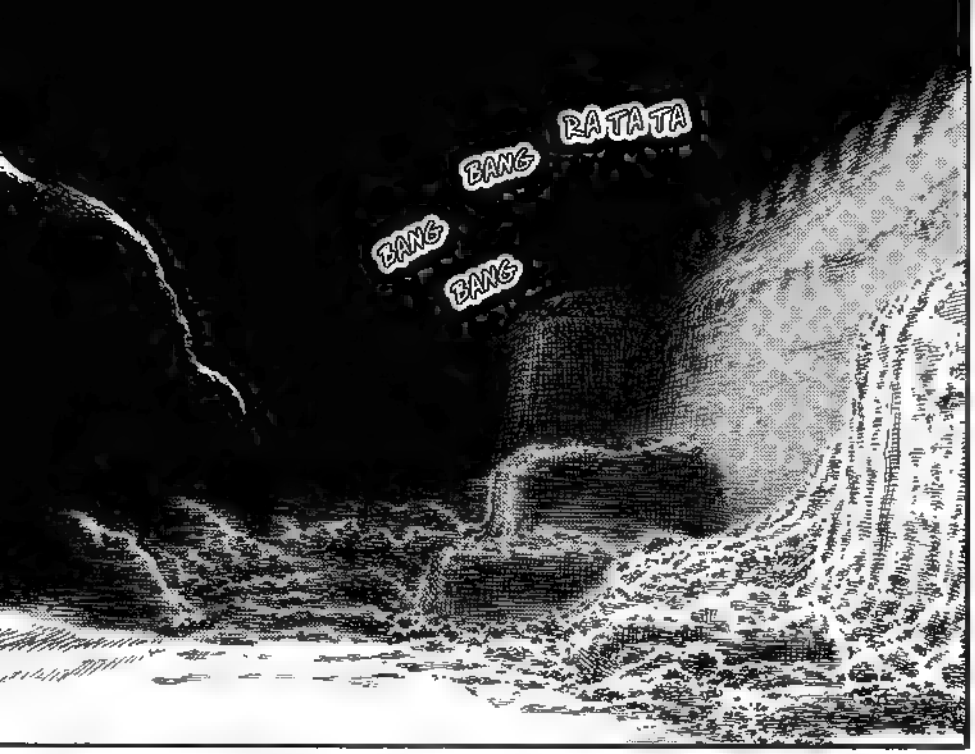
1. We will dive underground once more, temporarily taking cover at a base yet to be compromised by the enemy.
2. Team A will then aid with medical treatment and fatigue recovery.
3. During that time, The party that infiltrated the Western Army will prepare identification and equipment for us.
4. We will then pose as Western soldiers and openly walk out from the front entrance of the underground ruin.

PREPARATIONS WILL TAKE FOUR... FIVE DAYS.
THAT'S BECAUSE WE HAD A SUDDEN CHANGE OF PLAN.

THERE'S NO SIGN OF ANYONE FROM HERE.
THEY ALL SHOULD'VE BEEN EVACUATED
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE

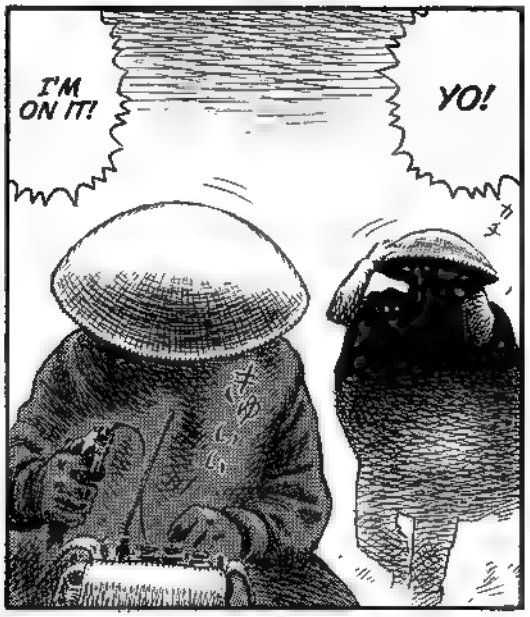
WHOOOSH

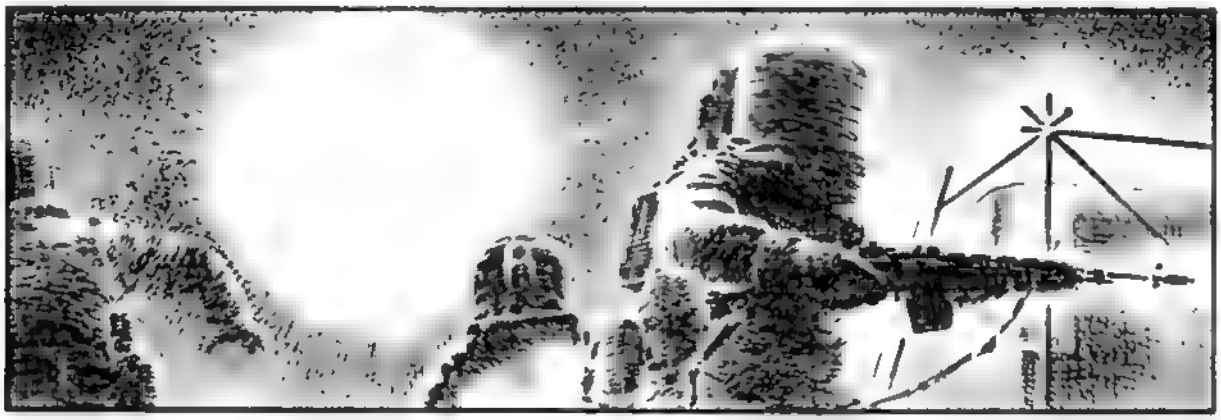

AND NOW WE'RE HEADING STRAIGHT BACK INTO HELL...
I FINALLY MANAGED TO CRAWL ALL THE WAY OUT HERE
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP


RATATA
BANG
BANG
BANG

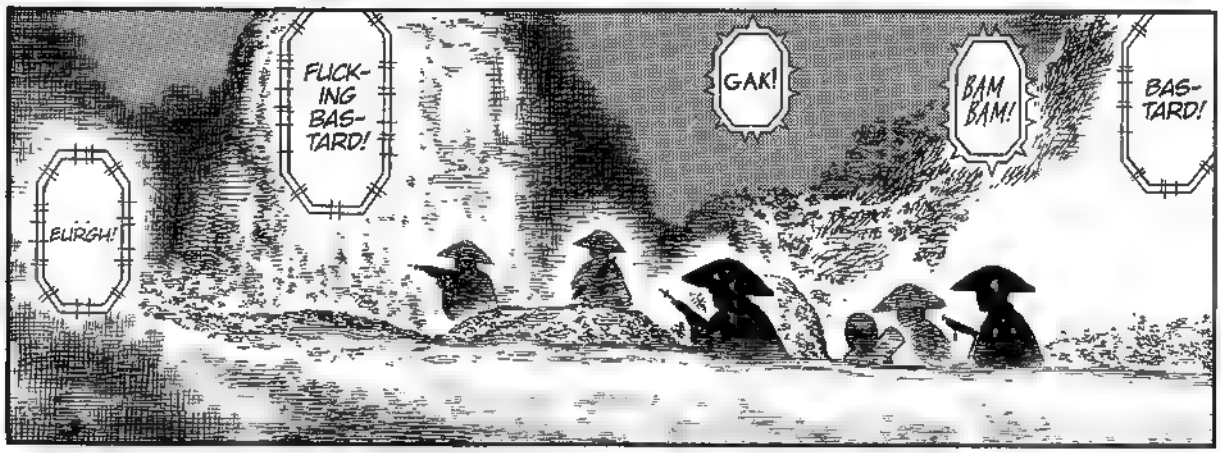
!

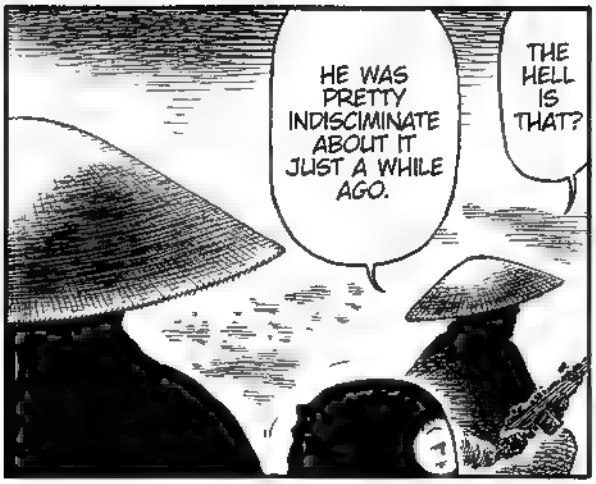
BANG
BANG
FZZ
ZZH
BEEP-
Kuuuuu...
zz.

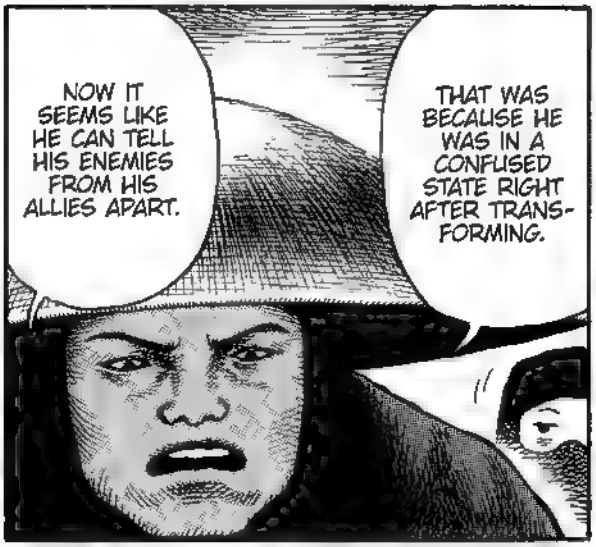

I'M ON IT!
YO!



THE HURON IS INSIDE!
RA TA TA
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
CLANG
CLANG
CRASH
BANG
IT'S THE HUR-ON!!!
Waah!
Gyaah!
HUR-ON!
BANG
BAM




THE HELL IS THAT?
HE WAS PRETTY INDISCIMINATE ABOUT IT JUST A WHILE AGO.


THAT WAS BECAUSE HE WAS IN A CONFUSED STATE RIGHT AFTER TRANS-FORMING.
NOW IT SEEMS LIKE HE CAN TELL HIS ENEMIES FROM HIS ALLIES APART.

THEY HAVE ONE WOUNDED. THE DUMBASS GOT SHOT IN THE BUTT BY FRIENDLY FIRE.
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYONE WHO GOT DONE IN BY THE HURON.
KREEEAN
KREE

IF THEIR LIVES WERE ENDANGERED, YOUR TYPICAL HURON WOULD SHOW NO MERCY.
BE THEY FRIEND OR FOE.

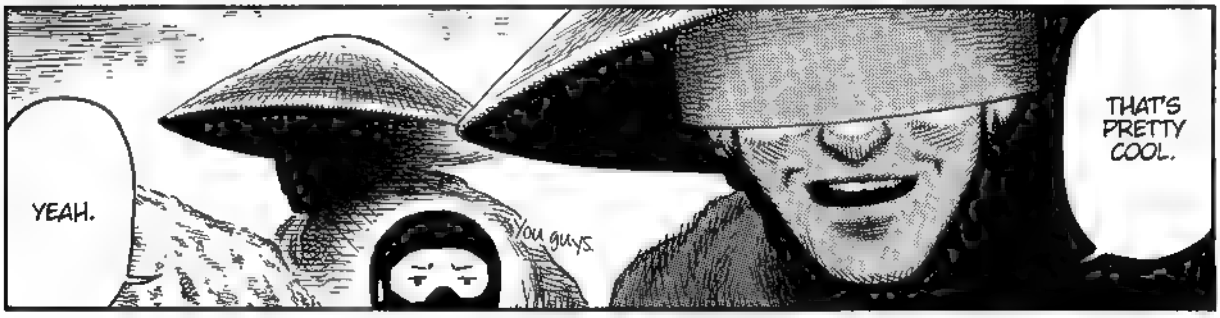
HE ISN'T EVEN FIRING BACK...
...AFTER GETTING SHOT AT.

A HURON WITH A SENSE OF CAMARA-DERIE, HUH?
THAT'S RARE.

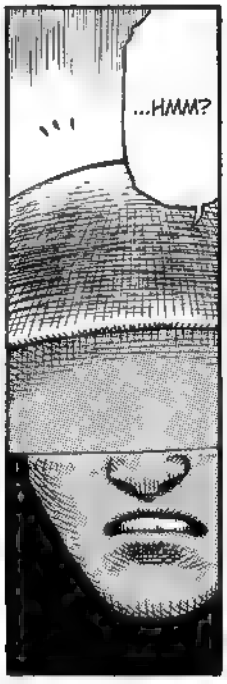
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT ONE BEFORE.
TREMBLE TREMBLE
A HURON THAT GOES THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF STEALING WEAPONS...
Ooh..

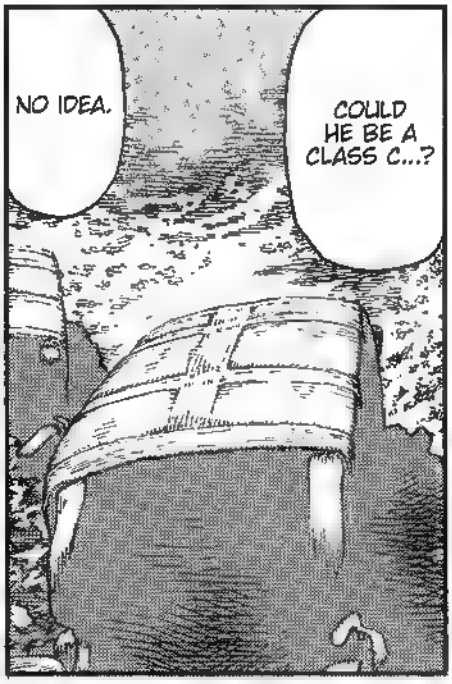
THAT SAID, IF THEY WERE JUST SHOOTING FROM HABIT, THEY STOP ONCE THEY RUN OUT OF AMMO.
Now that you mention it,
I've never seen Mitsuru-Tarou changing magazines before.
Maybe he really is stupid.

ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT HE ISN'T TYPICAL?
IF THEY WERE USED TO HANDLING GUNS, THEY WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO USE THEM EVEN AFTER HURONFYING.


YEAH.
You guys.
THAT'S PRETTY COOL.

WHY DID HE GO THROUGH ALL THAT DANGER TO STEAL THE WEAPONS?
WAIT A SEC.


...HMM?


NO IDEA.
COULD HE BE A CLASS C...?

LET'S QUICKLY GET OUT OF HERE AND...

NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT...
HE'S EVEN RETURNING TO RESTRICTED AREA, WHICH HAS BEEN CORDONED OFF.

Eh?
Me!
Me!

HEY, ERM...

I GUESS HE REAAALLY WANTS TO KILL ME NO MATTER WHAT.
HE EVEN DESERTED JUST TO...!
HE'S ON TO YOU!

FWAP
AGH!!
Akio →
BA-
DUMP

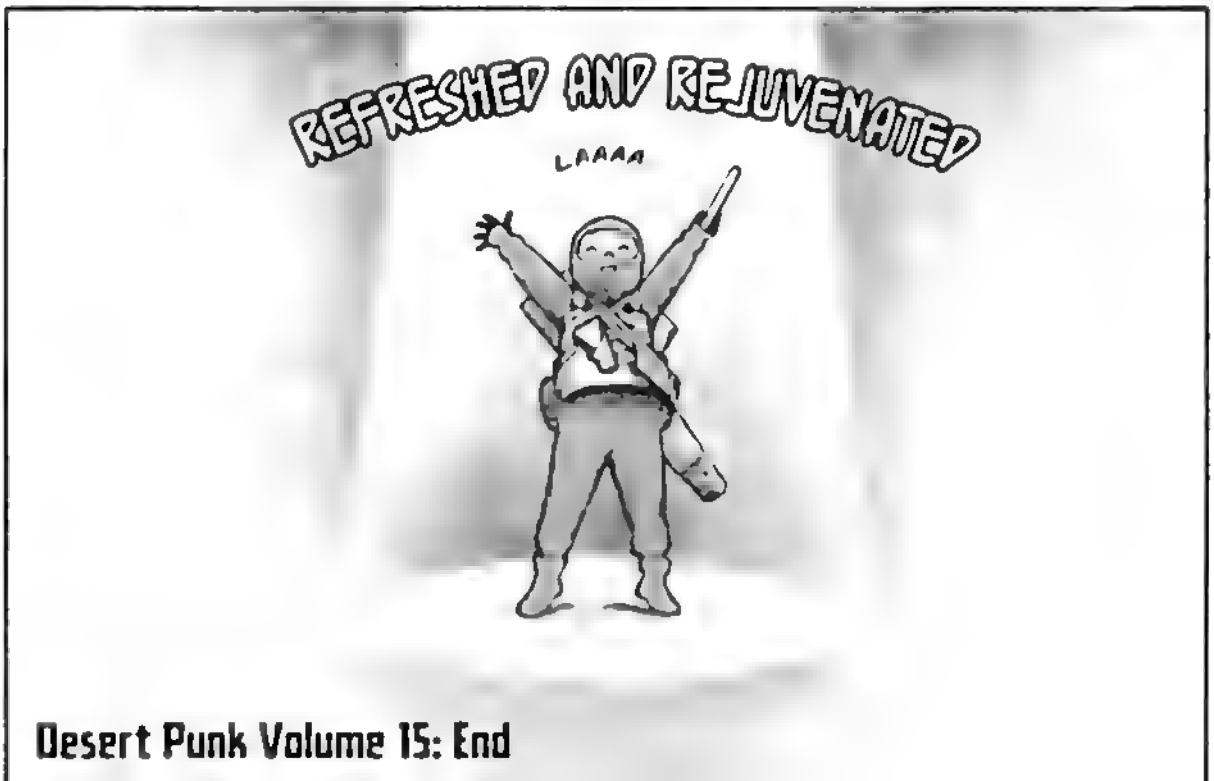
...YOU...
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
BACK THEN HE EVEN CHASED AFTER ME ALL THE WAY UNDERGROUND WITH THE C-4.
Underground with the C-4, you mean.
Well. I mean. He was a really stubborn guy, after all.

I was just trying to kill him like I would any other day.
...And he still chased you all the way here... What did you do to make him hold a grudge like that?
Deserting and humiliating?
WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU DO TO HIM?

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
...EH!?
YOU CAN LEAVE ME OUT OF THE PLAN.
FLING
FLING
FLING
RUSTLE
CLANK

UNZIP
FWOP
IN THAT CASE...

...OF COURSE.
BY THE WAY, MITSURU IS SAFELY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF TEAM B, IS THAT CORRECT?



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SUNABOZU GUN COLLECTION 15

Oh dear, what am I to do? There are no guns to add to the Gun Collection! Since people are at war here, so *eeeeverybody's* using the same thing. There's no helping it. Well, I'm sure we'll see new ones in due time.

The only gun we have this time is the S&W M1917. During WWI, these were focibly enlisted for military use in order to supplement insufficient stocks of the M1911. The .44 Hand Ejector that was once crafted for civilian use was slightly modified so that they would be compatible with the M1911's .45ACP rounds, and were then sent to the battlefield. This was also the case for the Colt, wherein the military authorities requested the .45 Colt New Service to be made compatible with .45ACP cartridge. The result was the Colt M1917. They shared the same battlefield with the S&W 1917. While both guns are not without fault, they are quite long-lived. Police officers in Japan used them until the emergence of the New Nambu M60.

Of course, I love this gun, too. I wasn't really into old guns back then, but ever since the debut of Sunabozu, things have changed. I guess this is just a part of growing old...

S&W M1917 (USA)

Length	270mm	Diameter	45ACP
Body length	140mm	Action	Single/Double-action
Weight	1kg	Rifling	6-groove left-handed twist

EXPLANATION

"We need helmets that can protect our troops' heads against blasts and fragments from shells as well as bullets!" And thus, a strong and sturdy helmet was made in order to meet the frontline's request. That said, taking a hit from a 7.62mm caliber from 100 meters will still produce incredible stress on the necks of the troops (with the exception of taking a hit directly to the face.) The solution to this is the HANG SYSTEM (which will be called the HS from now on). HS refers to the system that supports the helmet with an arm, which extends from the control device carried on the user's back. The arm is the distinctive feature that gives it its nickname among troops: the "armet."
In the beginning, the HS was a large special device used to detect enemies, employed only by scouts and the like, but was then improved and mass produced for common troops by the Iwashimizu Industry. The result: the Type-3. Not only was the enemy-detection unit upgraded, but a life-support system was also included, making it an all-in-one helmet that satisfied all the needs.
However, with this, the stress on the necks of the troops becomes significantly greater. After all, an additional 10kg has been added to the load compared to conventional equipment, and this is a huge detriment to troops who have to traverse the desert. Half their load is dedicated to survival in the desert, and they are unable to carry more battle equipment.
Currently, only relatively lightly-equipped garrisons use the Type-3. Since the bases are often the enemy's shelling targets, these are the troops that happen to need them the most.

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The equipment of Sunabo-zu

[Iwashimizu Type 3 HANG SYSTEM (HS) Helmet]

(1) HS Arm
An arm to support the heavy helmet. Moves to match the user's head movement. When exposed to powerful impact such as bombs and bullets, a damper is in place to prevent over-extension.

(2) HS Backpack
The HS control device. An air conditioner is contained within.

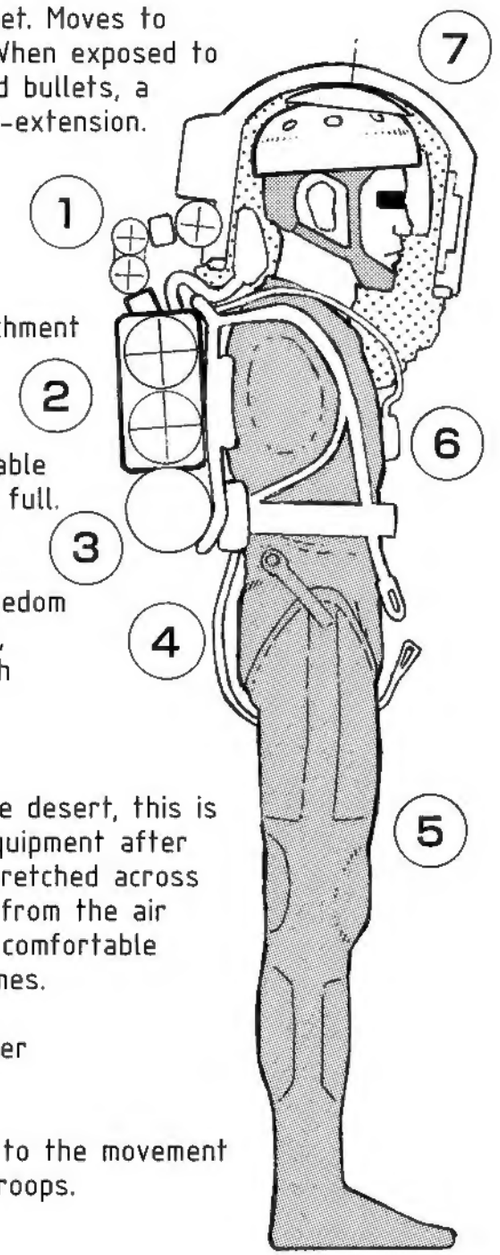
(3) Oxygen tank/Life-support attachment

(4) HS holding belt
If the HS backpack isn't held in place properly, the user won't be able receive the blessings of the HS in full. It is an incredibly difficult task to position the backpack in an appropriate place while ensuring the freedom of body movement. For this reason, experts are required to assist with the equipping of said device.

(5) Inner suit (Cool suit)
To any troops fighting a war in the desert, this is the next most valuable piece of equipment after water bottles. Hollow tubes are stretched across the whole body, through which air from the air conditioner can flow. This ensures comfortable conditions within the suit at all times.

(6) Inner suit & Air-con hose coupler

(7) Two-layer helmet structure
The outer helmet moves according to the movement of the inner helmet worn by the troops.



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